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TORTUES TERRESTRES ET AQUATIQUES

Forest Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys erosa

Kinixys erosa is the largest of the hinge-back tortoises: a heavy, rust-brown rainforest tortoise with serrated shell margins and a movable hinge at the rear. The shell grows up to 33 cm long. The species lives in rainforest and swamp forest in West and Central Africa, needs high humidity and warmth, and is easily stressed. Newly imported animals often carry many parasites.

Famille: Testudinidae Ancien nom: *Testudo erosa; Kinixys castanea; Cinixys erosa*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**25-33 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**30-50 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Forêt tropicale humide et zone humide**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**240 × 120 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**28-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**30-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**22-25 °C**
Hygrométrie	**70-90 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 1
Alimentation	**Insectes, fruits, plantes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**1-5 œufs**
Incubation	**130-160 jours** à 30-31 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Données insuffisantes (DD)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little reliable knowledge exists on the care of *Kinixys erosa*, because the species is rarely kept and bred.

TEMPÉRATURE

The animal must be kept warm and even: 28-30 °C by day with a warmer zone of 30-32 °C, measured on the substrate, and 22-25 °C at night. The night temperature is an estimate based on the rainforest climate.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Kinixys erosa requires high humidity: 70-90 %, and sick or newly imported animals are kept at at least 85 %. Mist regularly, so that the substrate and leaf litter are kept moist, and leave a damp hide with moss available.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

Kinixys erosa comes from the forest floor and requires a low light level. The enclosure should not have strong lighting, and the animal must always be able to retreat into dark hides.

ALIMENTATION

Kinixys erosa is omnivorous. The diet is fruit, fungi, leaves and greens plus a little animal food. Fruits such as banana, melon, tomato, papaya, peaches and cucumber are taken readily, especially red and orange ones.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs itself in when disturbed. It is most active early in the morning and spends much of the rest of the day in a dark hide or in the water.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Angola, Bénin, Cameroun, République centrafricaine, Congo-Kinshasa, Congo-Brazzaville, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinée équatoriale, Gabon, Gambie, Ghana, Guinée, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Togo et Ouganda.