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TORTUES TERRESTRES ET AQUATIQUES

Speke's Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys spekii

Kinixys spekii is a medium-sized, elongated tortoise from the savannas and open woodland of eastern and southern Africa. The shell is flat and usually 13-18 cm long, and a movable hinge at the rear lets adults close their hind legs inside. The species is a true omnivore with fungi as its favourite food; it stresses easily, and newly imported animals often carry many intestinal parasites, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Famille: Testudinidae Ancien nom: *Cinixys spekii; Homopus darlingi; Kinixys australis; Kinixys jordani; Kinixys youngi*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**13-21 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**500-1 500 g**
Espérance de vie	**30-50 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Savane, forêt sèche et terrain rocheux**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**160 × 80 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**26-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-35 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-24 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Insectes, plantes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul ou en groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**84-108 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**2-6 œufs**
Incubation	**220-365 jours** à 29 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Non évaluée (NE)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little specific information exists on the care of *Kinixys spekii*, because the species was long treated as part of *Kinixys belliana* and is kept far less often than several of its relatives.
TEMPÉRATURE	During the day the enclosure should be 26-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-35 °C under a lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. The basking spot temperature is borrowed from related tortoises.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	As a savanna species, *K. spekii* needs less humidity than the forest species of the genus, but it likes moisture and does not thrive in dry air.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	*K. spekii* is diurnal, and its activity depends on the heat: on hot days the animal is out in the morning and evening and hides in the middle of the day, while on cool days it is out around midday. Natural sunlight is best.
ALIMENTATION	*K. spekii* is a true omnivore.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. If picked up, it hisses, often empties its bowels and may snap at the air.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo-Kinshasa, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibie, Rwanda, Afrique du Sud, Eswatini, Tanzanie, Ouganda, Zambie et Zimbabwe.