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TORTUES TERRESTRES ET AQUATIQUES

Common Spider Tortoise

Pyxis arachnoides

Pyxis arachnoides is a small, critically endangered tortoise from the dry spiny forests along the south-west coast of Madagascar. The shell is high and domed with a web-like pattern, and adults are 10-12 cm long and weigh 200-400 g. The species is rare in captivity and reproduces slowly, and little is known about its care.

Famille: Testudinidae Ancien nom: *Pyxis aranoides; Bellemys arachnoides*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**10-15 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**200-400 g**
Espérance de vie	**50-70 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et forêt sèche**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**24-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-38 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes et plantes**
Détention	**Seul, en couple ou en groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**1 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
Incubation	**220-330 jours** à 29-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe I**
Annexe UE	**Annexe A**
UICN	**En danger critique (CR)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little documented information exists on the care of *Pyxis arachnoides*. The species is kept and bred mainly in zoos and by specialists.
TEMPÉRATURE	The animal must be kept warm. During the day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-38 °C under a heat lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. At night the temperature drops to 18-22 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and should be seen as a starting point. Keep the substrate slightly damp, and mist the enclosure now and then.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	*P. arachnoides* is diurnal. Natural sunlight is best, and indoors the species needs UVB light with a basking spot in Ferguson zone 3. The zone is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and has not been measured for the species.
ALIMENTATION	In the wild *P. arachnoides* eats young leaves, flowers, fruit, insect larvae and the droppings of larger animals.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	Handle the animal as little as possible, especially young animals. When threatened it withdraws its head, legs and tail into the shell.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Madagascar.