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TARTARUGHE

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.

Famiglia: Testudinidae Nome precedente: *Testudo erosa; Kinixys castanea; Cinixys erosa*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**25-33 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**30-50 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale e zona umida**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**240 × 120 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**28-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**22-25 °C**
Umidità	**70-90%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 1
Alimentazione	**Insetti, frutta, piante e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**1-5 uova**
Incubazione	**130-160 giorni** a 30-31 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato B**
IUCN	**Dati insufficienti (DD)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

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

TEMPERATURA

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.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

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.

ILLUMINAZIONE E 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.

ALIMENTAZIONE

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.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

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.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Angola, Benin, Camerun, Repubblica Centrafricana, Congo - Kinshasa, Congo-Brazzaville, Costa d'Avorio, Guinea Equatoriale, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Ruanda, Sierra Leone, Togo e Uganda.