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TARTARUGHE

Home's Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys homeana

Kinixys homeana is a small West African tortoise with a low, angular shell and a movable hinge at the rear, which can close the shell over the hind legs and tail. The shell is just over 20 cm long. The species lives in moist forest and swampy areas, is most active at dusk and stresses easily. It is critically endangered in the wild, and little reliable information exists on its care.

Famiglia: Testudinidae Nome precedente: *Cinixys homeana; Kinixys belliana homeana*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**18-22 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**30-50 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale e zona umida**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**160 × 80 × 40 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**28-30 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**22-24 °C**
Umidità	**70-90%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Insetti, frutta, piante e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**3-7 uova**
Incubazione	**110-115 giorni** a 28-31 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice I**
Allegato UE	**Allegato A**
IUCN	**In pericolo critico (CR)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Little reliable information exists on the care of *Kinixys homeana*.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 28-30 °C in most of the enclosure, and at night 22-24 °C. The night temperature is not documented for the species but suits a tropical lowland climate.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	As a forest species, *Kinixys homeana* needs more humidity than savanna species such as *Kinixys belliana*. Humidity should be 70-90 %, and newly imported or dehydrated animals need over 85 %.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	*K. homeana* is most active at dusk and stresses in bright light. Lighting should be subdued, with plants and hides where the animal can withdraw from the light.
ALIMENTAZIONE	*K. homeana* is omnivorous, and young animals are almost exclusively carnivorous. The diet is roughly half plant material and half animal food.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or burrows when disturbed. It is most active early in the morning and late in the day and spends a lot of time buried in damp substrate.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Liberia, Costa d'Avorio, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Camerun, Guinea Equatoriale, Repubblica Centrafricana e Sud Sudan.