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TARTARUGHE

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.

Famiglia: Testudinidae Nome precedente: *Cinixys spekii; Homopus darlingi; Kinixys australis; Kinixys jordani; Kinixys youngi*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**13-21 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**500-1.500 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**30-50 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana, foresta secca e terreno roccioso**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**160 × 80 × 40 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**26-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**20-24 °C**
Umidità	**50-70%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Insetti, piante e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in gruppo**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**84-108 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**2-6 uova**
Incubazione	**220-365 giorni** a 29 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato B**
IUCN	**Non valutata (NE)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

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.

TEMPERATURA

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.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

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.

ILLUMINAZIONE E 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.

ALIMENTAZIONE

K. spekii is a true omnivore.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

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.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo - Kinshasa, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambico, Namibia, Ruanda, Sudafrica, eSwatini, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia e Zimbabwe.