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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.

Famiglia: Testudinidae Nome precedente: *Pyxis aranoides; Bellemys arachnoides*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**10-15 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**200-400 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**50-70 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e foresta secca**
Difficoltà	**Specialista**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**24-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-38 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-22 °C**
Umidità	**50-70%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti e piante**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente, in coppia o in gruppo**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**1 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1-2**
Incubazione	**220-330 giorni** a 29-30 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Little documented information exists on the care of *Pyxis arachnoides*. The species is kept and bred mainly in zoos and by specialists.
TEMPERATURA	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.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	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.
ILLUMINAZIONE E 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.
ALIMENTAZIONE	In the wild *P. arachnoides* eats young leaves, flowers, fruit, insect larvae and the droppings of larger animals.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	Handle the animal as little as possible, especially young animals. When threatened it withdraws its head, legs and tail into the shell.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Madagascar.