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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

African Spurred Tortoise

Centrochelys sulcata

Centrochelys sulcata is the largest tortoise on the African mainland: the shell reaches 50-85 cm, the weight up to 90 kg, and the animal can live for 50-80 years. The young are small but grow fast, and adults require a heated room of more than 20 m² in winter, a large outdoor enclosure in summer and a keeper who can carry the responsibility for decades.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Geochelone sulcata; Testudo sulcata*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**50-85 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**30.000-90.000 g**
Levensduur	**50-80 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**640 × 320 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-41 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**21-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-80%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 4
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**120-180 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**15-40 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-3**
Incubatie	**90-120 dagen** bij 30-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Bedreigd (EN)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Space is the first thing to settle. A widely used minimum rule for tortoises is a length of 8 times and a width of 4 times the shell length of the largest animal.
TEMPERATUUR	The air temperature should be 24-32 °C by day, with a basking spot of 38-41 °C for young animals, and 21-23 °C at night.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Although the species comes from a dry area, young animals must not be kept completely dry: in the wild the young hatch in the rainy season and spend a lot of time in humid burrows.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	There must always be a large, low and stable bowl of fresh water, dug in so that the animal can get in and out. The water must reach no higher than the animal's knees.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and needs both strong light and UVB (Ferguson zone 4) all year indoors, with a UV index of about 4-6 at the basking spot.
VOEDING	*C. sulcata* is a herbivore and needs a high-fibre, low-protein diet.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The species is calm and sluggish, but not a pet for handling. The animal is stressed by being lifted, and an adult of 50-90 kg cannot be lifted by one person. Many take food from the hand and enjoy having the shell scratched.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Ethiopië, Eritrea, Soedan, Zuid-Soedan, Tsjaad, Niger, Mali, Mauritanië, Senegal, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek en Kameroen.