Chinese Three-striped Box Turtle

Cuora trifasciata

Cuora trifasciata is a medium-sized turtle from southern China with a hinged plastron, a brown carapace with three black lengthwise stripes and a yellow upper jaw. The shell grows to 25 cm. The species is semi-aquatic and needs a large aqua-terrarium with a basking spot, UVB and a land area. It is critically endangered in the wild, and captive-bred animals are the only right choice.

Familie: Geoemydidae Vroegere naam: *Sternothaerus trifasciatus; Cistudo trifasciata; Cyclemys trifasciata; Pyxiclemmys trifasciata*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-25 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**25-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**130 × 65 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 20-30 cm
Watertemperatuur	**24-28 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3-4 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**85-90 dagen** bij 26-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Ernstig bedreigd (CR)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about keeping *Cuora trifasciata*, because the species is almost only kept in captive breeding and conservation projects.
TEMPERATUUR	The air temperature should be 24-28 °C by day, and the basking spot should be 30-32 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer on the shell. At night the temperature can drop to 20-24 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be 60-80%, and the land area should be damp but not wet. *Cuora trifasciata* comes from a humid climate, and hatchlings dry out quickly.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The water should be 24-28 °C and about twice as deep as the shell is wide: 20-30 cm for adults.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	UVB light is necessary for an animal kept indoors. Zone 2 is borrowed from the close relatives and suits a species that basks beside fresh water; the requirement has not been measured for the species.
VOEDING	*Cuora trifasciata* is omnivorous but eats mostly animal food.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Cuora trifasciata* is shy and cautious. The animal withdraws and closes its shell when frightened, and seeks cover again. It is most active by day and at dusk. It is not an animal for handling.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	China en Hongkong SAR van China.