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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Common Map Turtle

Graptemys geographica

Graptemys geographica is a diurnal, very shy aquatic turtle from large rivers and lakes in north-eastern North America. The shell carries a network of yellow lines like the contours on a map. The female reaches up to 27 cm and is far larger than the male. The species needs a large, clean, well-oxygenated aquatic enclosure with a basking area and UVB, tolerates poor water quality badly and suits experienced keepers best.

Familie: Emydidae Vroegere naam: *Testudo geographica; Emys geographica; Malaclemys geographica*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-27 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**150-2.500 g**
Levensduur	**30-35 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**150 × 75 × 70 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**35-40 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-80%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 30-40 cm
Watertemperatuur	**22-26 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**4-6 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**120-168 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**6-20 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**50-70 dagen** bij 26-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage III**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage C**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Only limited knowledge exists about the care of *Graptemys geographica*, because the species is rare in captivity and difficult to keep.
TEMPERATUUR	The surface of the basking spot should be 35-40 °C, measured with an IR thermometer a couple of hours after the lamps are switched on.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Air humidity matters little for an aquatic turtle; 50-80% in the room is suitable.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The water is the animal's living space, so it must be deep, clean, well-oxygenated and moving. The water depth is 30-40 cm for adult animals, and the temperature is 22-26 °C (see Temperature).
VERLICHTING EN UVB	UVB is a necessity: the species is diurnal and basks for many hours a day, and zone 3 is suitable.
VOEDING	*Graptemys geographica* is omnivorous but takes mostly animal food, and it eats only in the water.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Graptemys geographica* is very shy and dives at the slightest disturbance, so the tub must stand in a quiet place, with no traffic past it, and with opaque sides or a background.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Canada en Verenigde Staten.