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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Bell's Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys belliana

Kinixys belliana is a medium-sized African tortoise with an elongated shell and a movable hinge at the rear, which can close the shell over the hind legs and tail. The shell is 15-22 cm long. The species lives in savanna with a distinct rainy and dry season, needs stable warmth and a degree of humidity, and is easily stressed. Newly imported animals often carry many parasites.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Cinixys belliana; Kinixys schoensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-22 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**30-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**160 × 80 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**28-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**22-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-6 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**105-200 dagen** bij 28-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet beoordeeld (NE)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little reliable knowledge exists about the husbandry of *Kinixys belliana*, because much of the older knowledge dates from the time when several species were regarded as one.

TEMPERATUUR

The animal must be kept warm. During the day the temperature should be 28-32 °C, and the basking spot is 32-35 °C, measured on the substrate.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

As a savanna species, *K. belliana* is less moisture-dependent than the forest species *Kinixys homeana* and *Kinixys erosa*, but it likes moisture and must be misted regularly.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

K. belliana is active by day, but is most visible early and late in the day when the light is weak. Sunlight is best, but indoors UVB light is necessary: UV index 2.0-3.0 at the basking spot (Ferguson zone 2).

VOEDING

K. belliana is omnivorous, and juveniles are almost exclusively carnivorous.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. It is most active early in the morning and late in the day.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Angola, Burundi, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek, Congo-Kinshasa, Eritrea, Ethiopië, Kenia, Rwanda, Somalië, Zuid-Soedan, Soedan, Oeganda, Tanzania en Malawi.