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Forest Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys erosa

Kinixys erosa is the largest of the hinge-back tortoises: a heavy, rust-brown rainforest tortoise with serrated shell margins and a movable hinge at the rear. The shell grows up to 33 cm long. The species lives in rainforest and swamp forest in West and Central Africa, needs high humidity and warmth, and is easily stressed. Newly imported animals often carry many parasites.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Testudo erosa; Kinixys castanea; Cinixys erosa*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**25-33 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**30-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**240 × 120 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**28-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**22-25 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-90%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-5 eieren**
Incubatie	**130-160 dagen** bij 30-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Onvoldoende gegevens (DD)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little reliable knowledge exists on the care of *Kinixys erosa*, because the species is rarely kept and bred.

TEMPERATUUR

The animal must be kept warm and even: 28-30 °C by day with a warmer zone of 30-32 °C, measured on the substrate, and 22-25 °C at night. The night temperature is an estimate based on the rainforest climate.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Kinixys erosa requires high humidity: 70-90 %, and sick or newly imported animals are kept at at least 85 %. Mist regularly, so that the substrate and leaf litter are kept moist, and leave a damp hide with moss available.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Kinixys erosa comes from the forest floor and requires a low light level. The enclosure should not have strong lighting, and the animal must always be able to retreat into dark hides.

VOEDING

Kinixys erosa is omnivorous. The diet is fruit, fungi, leaves and greens plus a little animal food. Fruits such as banana, melon, tomato, papaya, peaches and cucumber are taken readily, especially red and orange ones.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs itself in when disturbed. It is most active early in the morning and spends much of the rest of the day in a dark hide or in the water.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Angola, Benin, Kameroen, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek, Congo-Kinshasa, Congo-Brazzaville, Ivoorkust, Equatoriaal-Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinee, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Togo en Oeganda.