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Natal Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys natalensis

Kinixys natalensis is one of the smallest hinge-back tortoises. It lives in hilly, rocky bush and thorn savanna in eastern South Africa and Eswatini and normally grows to 8-14 cm long. The hinge is weakly developed and is found only in adults. The species is rare and vulnerable in the wild, and little is known about its care, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Kinixys belliana natalensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**8-16 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**30-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-3 eieren**
Incubatie	**105-200 dagen** bij 28-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Kwetsbaar (VU)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Almost no published knowledge exists on the care of *Kinixys natalensis*, and the species is kept very little.
TEMPERATUUR	By day the enclosure should be 26-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-35 °C under a lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. Shelters at the cool end should be kept at 23-26 °C, and at night 20-24 °C is suitable.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *K. spekii* and is an estimate.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*K. natalensis* is diurnal. Sunlight is best. Indoors the species needs UVB lighting with a UV index of 2.0-3.0 at the basking spot (Ferguson zone 2). The zone is borrowed from *K. spekii*.
VOEDING	The diet is mainly plant material, but the animal also takes insects, snails and other small animals.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. The animal is difficult to handle and examine, so lift it from underneath with two hands and handle it as little as possible.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Zuid-Afrika en Eswatini.