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Speke's Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys spekii

Kinixys spekii is a medium-sized, elongated tortoise from the savannas and open woodland of eastern and southern Africa. The shell is flat and usually 13-18 cm long, and a movable hinge at the rear lets adults close their hind legs inside. The species is a true omnivore with fungi as its favourite food; it stresses easily, and newly imported animals often carry many intestinal parasites, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Cinixys spekii; Homopus darlingi; Kinixys australis; Kinixys jordani; Kinixys youngi*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**13-21 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**500-1.500 g**
Levensduur	**30-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**160 × 80 × 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 of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**84-108 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**2-6 eieren**
Incubatie	**220-365 dagen** bij 29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little specific information exists on the care of *Kinixys spekii*, because the species was long treated as part of *Kinixys belliana* and is kept far less often than several of its relatives.

TEMPERATUUR

During the 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. The basking spot temperature is borrowed from related tortoises.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

As a savanna species, *K. spekii* needs less humidity than the forest species of the genus, but it likes moisture and does not thrive in dry air.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

K. spekii is diurnal, and its activity depends on the heat: on hot days the animal is out in the morning and evening and hides in the middle of the day, while on cool days it is out around midday. Natural sunlight is best.

VOEDING

K. spekii is a true omnivore.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. If picked up, it hisses, often empties its bowels and may snap at the air.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Congo-Kinshasa, Kenia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibië, Rwanda, Zuid-Afrika, Eswatini, Tanzania, Oeganda, Zambia en Zimbabwe.