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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Diamondback Terrapin

Malaclemys terrapin

Malaclemys terrapin is a small to medium-sized, diurnal turtle from the coastal marshes and brackish waters of North America. It is the only turtle in its range that lives in brackish water, and it is recognised by the rings on the scutes and the dark-spotted head and legs. The female grows to 23 cm and the male to about 14 cm. The species needs clean, preferably slightly salty water and is best suited to experienced keepers.

Familie: Emydidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**12-23 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**300-1.000 g**
Levensduur	**25-40 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 65 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**22-25 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-80%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 35-40 cm
Watertemperatuur	**24-27 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-120 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**4-22 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**60-85 dagen** bij 26-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Keep *Malaclemys terrapin* in an aquarium or tub, not in an ordinary terrarium. The tub must be at least five times as long as the shell and half as wide as it is long, with the basking area counted as part of the floor area.

TEMPERATUUR

The water should be 24-27 °C for adults, about 28 °C for subadults and about 29 °C for newly hatched young. In an outdoor pond the water follows the season. The basking spot should be 32-35 °C, measured at the surface.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Air humidity is not decisive; 50-80 % is sufficient. What is decisive is the purity of the water. If the water is the slightest bit dirty, the animal gets skin problems and shell rot.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

The species lives in brackish water in the wild, and salinity is the most important choice in its care. Brackish water keeps the skin and shell healthy.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

UVB is necessary for the bones, and the animal must have access to both UVA and UVB. The Ferguson zone has not been documented for the species; zone 3 is borrowed from *Graptemys pseudogeographica* and *Trachemys scripta*.

VOEDING

Malaclemys terrapin is a carnivore and eats in the water. In the wild it takes snails, mussels, crabs, fish and insects.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Malaclemys terrapin is alert and gets used to its keeper, but is easily stressed. It flees in the water when disturbed and can injure itself on hard objects. It rarely bites.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten en Bermuda.