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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

African Pancake Tortoise

Malacochersus tornieri

Malacochersus tornieri is a small East African tortoise with an unusually flat, thin and flexible shell. It lives on rocky hills in dry savanna and scrub, where it flees into narrow rock crevices instead of withdrawing into its shell. The shell is 15-18 cm long, the female lays only one egg at a time, and the species is critically endangered in the wild.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Testudo tornieri; Testudo loveridgii*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-18 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-30 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn, savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**100 × 60 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-4**
Incubatie	**120-185 dagen** bij 28-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage I**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage A**
IUCN	**Ernstig bedreigd (CR)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little detailed knowledge exists on the care of *Malacochersus tornieri*, and wild-caught animals are very difficult to acclimatise to captivity.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the temperature should be 24-28 °C, and at night 18-22 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be low, 30-50 %. The terrarium should be dry, but a small dish of clean drinking water must always be available. Change the water daily.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Malacochersus tornieri is diurnal and is most active early and late in the day. UVB is necessary when the animal is kept indoors: Ferguson zone 2, corresponding to a UV index of 2.0-3.0 in part of the terrarium.

VOEDING

The diet is dry and high in fibre. Offer dry grasses, hay and wild herbs such as dandelion, clover and vetch, and include succulents such as aloe and stonecrop.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Malacochersus tornieri is shy, but active and persistent. It climbs, hides and comes out only when things are quiet. It does not withdraw into its shell, but runs towards the nearest crevice and squeezes in when disturbed.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Kenia, Tanzania en Zambia.