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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Caspian Terrapin

Mauremys caspica

Mauremys caspica is a medium-sized, diurnal freshwater turtle from the Middle East and the Caucasus with distinct yellow stripes on the neck and forelegs. Shell length reaches up to 25 cm, and females are the largest. The species is hardy and tolerates both cold and polluted water, but needs a large, filtered aquaterrarium with a warm basking spot and UVB. In summer it can be kept outdoors in an enclosed pond.

Familie: Geoemydidae Vroegere naam: *Testudo caspica; Clemmys caspica; Mauremys caspica caspica*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-25 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**450-650 g**
Levensduur	**15-25 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**130 × 65 × 65 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-29 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 25-40 cm
Watertemperatuur	**21-27 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**48-60 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**4-11 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**65-100 dagen** bij 27-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet beoordeeld (NE)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Keep the animal in a large aquaterrarium, a tub or an enclosed pond, not in an ordinary terrarium.
TEMPERATUUR	The water must be 21-27 °C. The air above the water must be 24-29 °C, and the surface of the basking spot must reach 30-35 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. At night the air may fall to 18-24 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	For an aquatic turtle, air humidity matters little; 50-70 % in the room is an estimate. What is decisive is the cleanliness of the water: the animal passes droppings and food remains in the water, so it quickly becomes dirty.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The water is the animal's home, so it must be deep, clean and relatively warm. The water must be at least twice as deep as the shell is wide, and 25-40 cm suits adults; young animals need shallower water.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	UVB is a necessity: it allows the animal to produce vitamin D3, absorb calcium and develop a healthy shell. Zone 3 is suitable, because the species basks a lot and lives in open, sunny waters.
VOEDING	*Mauremys caspica* is omnivorous, but plants make up most of the adult's diet: in the wild they account for 83-100 % of the food, and the rest is fish fry, tadpoles, frogs, crustaceans, aquatic insects and their larvae, earthworms and snails.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Mauremys caspica* is diurnal and shy: it dives in a flash when disturbed. In the wild, groups of animals bask side by side on banks and drifting objects.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Armenië, Azerbeidzjan, Bahrein, Georgië, Iran, Irak, Rusland, Saoedi-Arabië, Syrië, Turkije en Turkmenistan.