Tent Tortoise

Psammobates tentorius

Psammobates tentorius is a small, domed tortoise from the Karoo and other semi-deserts of south-western Africa. The shell is 11-15 cm long and has a pattern of yellow or orange rays on a dark ground. The species is difficult to keep: it dies easily in damp, cool air and rarely survives long in captivity. It is only for specialists who can give it a sunny, dry and well-drained set-up.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Testudo tentoria; Testudo boettgeri; Testudo oscarboettgeri; Psammobates depressa; Testudo trimeni; Testudo verroxii*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**11-15 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**40-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur ‘s nachts	**12-18 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-3 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**94-198 dagen** bij 28-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Almost nothing is known about keeping *Psammobates tentorius*, and the animals rarely survive long away from their habitat. Damp is the most common cause of death in captivity.
TEMPERATUUR	By day it should be 22-28 °C in the enclosure and, under a lamp, a basking spot of 32-35 °C, measured on the surface. At night 12-18 °C is suitable.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be low, 30-50%, and the substrate should be dry. Damp is the most common cause of death, so misting is used only in very small amounts, and there must be no damp soil in the enclosure.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and basks a great deal. Sunlight is best, and the animal should be out in the sun as often as the weather allows.
VOEDING	In the wild the species feeds on grasses, sedges and other low herbs and succulents, and it has a preference for flowers.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The species is shy and retreats under shrubs or digs itself half in. It is highly susceptible to respiratory diseases if mixed with other tortoises, so it is kept alone and must never come into contact with other species.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Zuid-Afrika en Namibië.