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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Common Spider Tortoise

Pyxis arachnoides

Pyxis arachnoides is a small, critically endangered tortoise from the dry spiny forests along the south-west coast of Madagascar. The shell is high and domed with a web-like pattern, and adults are 10-12 cm long and weigh 200-400 g. The species is rare in captivity and reproduces slowly, and little is known about its care.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Pyxis aranoides; Bellemys arachnoides*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-15 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**200-400 g**
Levensduur	**50-70 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**24-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-38 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair, in paren of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**220-330 dagen** bij 29-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little documented information exists on the care of *Pyxis arachnoides*. The species is kept and bred mainly in zoos and by specialists.

TEMPERATUUR

The animal must be kept warm. During the day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-38 °C under a heat lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. At night the temperature drops to 18-22 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and should be seen as a starting point. Keep the substrate slightly damp, and mist the enclosure now and then.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

P. arachnoides is diurnal. Natural sunlight is best, and indoors the species needs UVB light with a basking spot in Ferguson zone 3. The zone is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and has not been measured for the species.

VOEDING

In the wild *P. arachnoides* eats young leaves, flowers, fruit, insect larvae and the droppings of larger animals.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Handle the animal as little as possible, especially young animals. When threatened it withdraws its head, legs and tail into the shell.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Madagaskar.