Painted Wood Turtle

Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima

Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima is a diurnal, colourful turtle from the Pacific side of Mexico and Central America. The shell reaches 15-20 cm in length, and the head, legs and shell have red and yellow markings. The species lives mostly on land in scrub and humid forest and is best kept in a warm, humid terrarium with a shallow water area.

Familie: Geoemydidae Vroegere naam: *Emys pulcherrimus; Geoemyda pulcherrima; Callopsis pulcherrima*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-20 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-25 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 50 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-26 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-90%**
Water	**Watergedeelte** diepte 5-10 cm
Watertemperatuur	**24-26 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, kant-en-klaar voer, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-5 eieren**
Incubatie	**100-110 dagen** bij 26-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
Little is known about keeping *Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima*, and several figures are borrowed from related turtles with the same way of life.

TEMPERATUUR
By day the terrarium should be 22-26 °C, with 32-35 °C at the basking spot. The basking spot must be open and secure, so that the animal uses it.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be high, 70-90 %. Mist the terrarium heavily with lukewarm water every evening, and keep the substrate moist. Glass and plants should be able to dry between mistings, while the deep substrate holds the moisture.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT
The water area is a shallow tray with 5-10 cm of water and a ramp, so that the animal can easily get in and out. The temperature is 24-26 °C.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
Above the basking spot there must be a UVB tube and a heat spot in the same place, so that the animal gets both heat and UVB when it basks.

VOEDING
Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima is omnivorous and eats with great appetite. Adults are fed two to three times a week with a mixture of about 60 % greens, 30 % fruit and vegetables and 10 % prepared turtle food.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima is curious, active and not shy as long as it has hiding places. It digs down into the substrate and comes out when there is food. It likes to throw soil and sand onto its back with its forelimbs.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua en Costa Rica.