Common Musk Turtle

Sternotherus odoratus

Sternotherus odoratus is a small, almost entirely aquatic turtle from eastern North America. The shell grows to only 8-13 cm, but the animal can live for many decades. The species is most active at dusk and at night, is a poor swimmer and needs a filtered tank with relatively shallow water, a hot lamp and UVB. When it feels threatened, it releases a foul-smelling fluid.

Familie: Kinosternidae Vroegere naam: *Kinosternon odoratum*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**8-13 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-50 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**80 × 40 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-29 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-80%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 15-25 cm
Watertemperatuur	**22-26 °C**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, kant-en-klaar voer, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**48-120 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-6 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-4**
Incubatie	**60-86 dagen** bij 25-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Keep the animal in an aquarium or a low tub, not in an ordinary terrarium. The tub must be at least five times as long as the shell and half as wide as it is long, but never smaller than 80 × 40 cm for an adult.
TEMPERATUUR	The water should be 22-26 °C, and a water heater is normally necessary. Avoid heating cables or heat mats under the tank, because the animal walks along the bottom and can burn itself. Place the water heater behind a plastic guard.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The turtle's humidity is the water itself, so the relative humidity of the air is not decisive and is not documented in more detail for the species; 50-80 % in the room is ample.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The water is the animal's living space. The water depth is 15-25 cm for adult animals and lower for juveniles, with shallower areas where the animal can rest.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	UVB is necessary for the animal to produce vitamin D3 and absorb calcium. Even if the animal does not always come out of the water, there must be a basking spot with a lamp so that it can choose.
VOEDING	*Sternotherus odoratus* is omnivorous but mainly carnivorous.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Sternotherus odoratus* is shy and walks mostly along the bottom. It is not an animal to pick up: it can bite with its long, mobile neck and release a foul-smelling fluid.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten en Canada.