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LANDSCHILDPADDEN EN WATERSCHILDPADDEN

Egyptian Tortoise

Testudo kleinmanni

Testudo kleinmanni is the smallest tortoise of the genus: a pale, high-domed desert tortoise of 10-13 cm from the coastal areas of Libya, Egypt and southern Israel. It is diurnal, a pure herbivore and critically endangered in the wild. Its care requires dry, warm conditions all year, no hibernation and complete separation from other tortoises.

Familie: Testudinidae Vroegere naam: *Testudo werneri*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-13 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**150-300 g**
Levensduur	**20-50 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**105 × 50 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-36 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair, in paren of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**60-120 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-4 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**80-120 dagen** bij 30-33 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Testudo kleinmanni is a small tortoise with great demands on its conditions.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the air should be 20-28 °C with a basking spot of 32-36 °C under a heat lamp, measured with an infrared thermometer, so that the animal can choose for itself between warm and cool places.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity is not documented for the species. 40-60 % suits a dry coastal climate with humid winters, and the table should have a dry end and a slightly dampened end. Keep the soil dry, not wet, and replace damp material often.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

T. kleinmanni is diurnal and needs strong, white light and a warm basking spot. Provide UVB as for *Testudo hermanni*: a T5 tube or a strong UVB bulb for desert species (Ferguson zone 3, about 10-12 % UVB) over the basking spot.

VOEDING

T. kleinmanni is herbivorous. The diet must be high in fibre, low in protein and rich in calcium and consist of wild herbs, grasses, leaves and flowers. Dandelion and clover are the best.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is diurnal and calm and likes to dig into the substrate. It is unusually vocal for a tortoise: both sexes make sounds, and the male coos during mating like a dove.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Libië, Egypte en Israël.