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African Spurred Tortoise

Centrochelys sulcata

Centrochelys sulcata is the largest tortoise on the African mainland: the shell reaches 50-85 cm, the weight up to 90 kg, and the animal can live for 50-80 years. The young are small but grow fast, and adults require a heated room of more than 20 m² in winter, a large outdoor enclosure in summer and a keeper who can carry the responsibility for decades.

Família: Testudinidae Nome anterior: *Geochelone sulcata; Testudo sulcata*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**50-85 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**30.000-90.000 g**
Longevidade	**50-80 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**640 × 320 × 120 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-32 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-41 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-23 °C**
Umidade	**40-80%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 4
Alimentação	**Plantas**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**120-180 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**15-40 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**2-3**
Incubação	**90-120 dias** a 30-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Em perigo (EN)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Space is the first thing to settle. A widely used minimum rule for tortoises is a length of 8 times and a width of 4 times the shell length of the largest animal.
TEMPERATURA	The air temperature should be 24-32 °C by day, with a basking spot of 38-41 °C for young animals, and 21-23 °C at night.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Although the species comes from a dry area, young animals must not be kept completely dry: in the wild the young hatch in the rainy season and spend a lot of time in humid burrows.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	There must always be a large, low and stable bowl of fresh water, dug in so that the animal can get in and out. The water must reach no higher than the animal's knees.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs both strong light and UVB (Ferguson zone 4) all year indoors, with a UV index of about 4-6 at the basking spot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*C. sulcata* is a herbivore and needs a high-fibre, low-protein diet.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is calm and sluggish, but not a pet for handling. The animal is stressed by being lifted, and an adult of 50-90 kg cannot be lifted by one person. Many take food from the hand and enjoy having the shell scratched.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Etiópia, Eritreia, Sudão, Sudão do Sul, Chade, Níger, Mali, Mauritânia, Senegal, República Centro-Africana e Camarões.