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Common Snapping Turtle

Chelydra serpentina

Chelydra serpentina is a large, almost entirely aquatic turtle from eastern North America with powerful jaws and a long tail. The shell is typically 25-45 cm, the animal weighs 5-16 kg, and it can live for many decades. The species requires a very large, filtered tank with a bare bottom, is not suited to handling and easily becomes overweight.

Família: Chelydridae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**25-45 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**4.500-16.000 g**
Longevidade	**30-50 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Aquático**
Habitat	**Área úmida e bosque e prado temperados**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**200 × 100 × 70 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**50-80%**
Água	**Aquaterrário** profundidade 25-40 cm
Temperatura da água	**23-27 °C**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**4-6 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos, ração completa, plantas, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**84-240 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**25-80 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**63-140 dias** a 20-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Keep the animal in a large tub, a plastic stock tank or a pond, not in an ordinary enclosure.
TEMPERATURA	The water should be 23-27 °C. Below about 21 °C the animal loses its appetite and digests poorly, and above about 29 °C it becomes stressed and more aggressive, and the bacteria in the water multiply faster.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The turtle's humidity is the water itself, so the relative humidity of the air is not decisive and not documented in detail for the species; 50-80 % in the room is ample. What is decisive is the cleanliness of the water.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The water is the animal's living space, so it must be deep enough, clean and warm. Adults do well in 25-40 cm of water. The temperature is 23-27 °C.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is recommended, but less essential than for aquatic turtles that bask a great deal, because the animal gets D3 through whole prey.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*C. serpentina* is omnivorous and in the wild eats small animals, fish, frogs, amphibians, crustaceans, snails, worms, reptiles, carrion and large amounts of aquatic plants.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*C. serpentina* is defensive and bites quickly and hard when picked up or when it feels threatened; a bite can cause deep wounds. The neck is long and mobile, so the animal can reach back over the shell.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e Canadá.