Common Map Turtle

Graptemys geographica

Graptemys geographica is a diurnal, very shy aquatic turtle from large rivers and lakes in north-eastern North America. The shell carries a network of yellow lines like the contours on a map. The female reaches up to 27 cm and is far larger than the male. The species needs a large, clean, well-oxygenated aquatic enclosure with a basking area and UVB, tolerates poor water quality badly and suits experienced keepers best.

Família: Emydidae Nome anterior: *Testudo geographica; Emys geographica; Malaclemys geographica*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**10-27 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**150-2.500 g**
Longevidade	**30-35 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Semiaquático**
Habitat	**Área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**150 × 75 × 70 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**35-40 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-80%**
Água	**Aquaterrário** profundidade 30-40 cm
Temperatura da água	**22-26 °C**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**4-6 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos, ração completa, plantas, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**120-168 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**6-20 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**50-70 dias** a 26-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice III**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo C**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Only limited knowledge exists about the care of *Graptemys geographica*, because the species is rare in captivity and difficult to keep.
TEMPERATURA	The surface of the basking spot should be 35-40 °C, measured with an IR thermometer a couple of hours after the lamps are switched on.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Air humidity matters little for an aquatic turtle; 50-80% in the room is suitable.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The water is the animal's living space, so it must be deep, clean, well-oxygenated and moving. The water depth is 30-40 cm for adult animals, and the temperature is 22-26 °C (see Temperature).
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is a necessity: the species is diurnal and basks for many hours a day, and zone 3 is suitable.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Graptemys geographica* is omnivorous but takes mostly animal food, and it eats only in the water.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Graptemys geographica* is very shy and dives at the slightest disturbance, so the tub must stand in a quiet place, with no traffic past it, and with opaque sides or a background.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Canadá e Estados Unidos.