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Natal Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys natalensis

Kinixys natalensis is one of the smallest hinge-back tortoises. It lives in hilly, rocky bush and thorn savanna in eastern South Africa and Eswatini and normally grows to 8-14 cm long. The hinge is weakly developed and is found only in adults. The species is rare and vulnerable in the wild, and little is known about its care, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Família: Testudinidae Nome anterior: *Kinixys belliana natalensis*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**8-16 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**30-50 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos, plantas e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-3 ovos**
Incubação	**105-200 dias** a 28-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Vulnerável (VU)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Almost no published knowledge exists on the care of *Kinixys natalensis*, and the species is kept very little.
TEMPERATURA	By day the enclosure should be 26-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-35 °C under a lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. Shelters at the cool end should be kept at 23-26 °C, and at night 20-24 °C is suitable.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *K. spekii* and is an estimate.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*K. natalensis* is diurnal. Sunlight is best. Indoors the species needs UVB lighting with a UV index of 2.0-3.0 at the basking spot (Ferguson zone 2). The zone is borrowed from *K. spekii*.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The diet is mainly plant material, but the animal also takes insects, snails and other small animals.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. The animal is difficult to handle and examine, so lift it from underneath with two hands and handle it as little as possible.
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