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Speke's Hinge-back Tortoise

Kinixys spekii

Kinixys spekii is a medium-sized, elongated tortoise from the savannas and open woodland of eastern and southern Africa. The shell is flat and usually 13-18 cm long, and a movable hinge at the rear lets adults close their hind legs inside. The species is a true omnivore with fungi as its favourite food; it stresses easily, and newly imported animals often carry many intestinal parasites, so it is not a tortoise for beginners.

Família: Testudinidae Nome anterior: *Cinixys spekii; Homopus darlingi; Kinixys australis; Kinixys jordani; Kinixys youngi*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**13-21 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**500-1.500 g**
Longevidade	**30-50 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana, floresta seca e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**160 × 80 × 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 ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**84-108 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**2-6 ovos**
Incubação	**220-365 dias** a 29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Não avaliado (NE)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little specific information exists on the care of *Kinixys spekii*, because the species was long treated as part of *Kinixys belliana* and is kept far less often than several of its relatives.
TEMPERATURA	During the 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. The basking spot temperature is borrowed from related tortoises.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	As a savanna species, *K. spekii* needs less humidity than the forest species of the genus, but it likes moisture and does not thrive in dry air.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*K. spekii* is diurnal, and its activity depends on the heat: on hot days the animal is out in the morning and evening and hides in the middle of the day, while on cool days it is out around midday. Natural sunlight is best.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*K. spekii* is a true omnivore.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is shy and withdraws into its shell or digs in when disturbed. If picked up, it hisses, often empties its bowels and may snap at the air.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Angola, Botsuana, Burundi, Congo - Kinshasa, Quênia, Malaui, Moçambique, Namíbia, Ruanda, África do Sul, Essuatíni, Tanzânia, Uganda, Zâmbia e Zimbábue.