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Diamondback Terrapin

Malaclemys terrapin

Malaclemys terrapin is a small to medium-sized, diurnal turtle from the coastal marshes and brackish waters of North America. It is the only turtle in its range that lives in brackish water, and it is recognised by the rings on the scutes and the dark-spotted head and legs. The female grows to 23 cm and the male to about 14 cm. The species needs clean, preferably slightly salty water and is best suited to experienced keepers.

Família: Emydidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**12-23 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**300-1.000 g**
Longevidade	**25-40 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Semiaquático**
Habitat	**Área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 65 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-25 °C**
Umidade	**50-80%**
Água	**Aquaterrário** profundidade 35-40 cm
Temperatura da água	**24-27 °C**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, ração completa, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**24-120 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**4-22 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-3**
Incubação	**60-85 dias** a 26-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Keep *Malaclemys terrapin* in an aquarium or tub, not in an ordinary terrarium. The tub must be at least five times as long as the shell and half as wide as it is long, with the basking area counted as part of the floor area.
TEMPERATURA	The water should be 24-27 °C for adults, about 28 °C for subadults and about 29 °C for newly hatched young. In an outdoor pond the water follows the season. The basking spot should be 32-35 °C, measured at the surface.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Air humidity is not decisive; 50-80 % is sufficient. What is decisive is the purity of the water. If the water is the slightest bit dirty, the animal gets skin problems and shell rot.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The species lives in brackish water in the wild, and salinity is the most important choice in its care. Brackish water keeps the skin and shell healthy.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is necessary for the bones, and the animal must have access to both UVA and UVB. The Ferguson zone has not been documented for the species; zone 3 is borrowed from *Graptemys pseudogeographica* and *Trachemys scripta*.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Malaclemys terrapin* is a carnivore and eats in the water. In the wild it takes snails, mussels, crabs, fish and insects.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Malaclemys terrapin* is alert and gets used to its keeper, but is easily stressed. It flees in the water when disturbed and can injure itself on hard objects. It rarely bites.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e Bermudas.