Caspian Terrapin

Mauremys caspica

Mauremys caspica is a medium-sized, diurnal freshwater turtle from the Middle East and the Caucasus with distinct yellow stripes on the neck and forelegs. Shell length reaches up to 25 cm, and females are the largest. The species is hardy and tolerates both cold and polluted water, but needs a large, filtered aquaterrarium with a warm basking spot and UVB. In summer it can be kept outdoors in an enclosed pond.

Família: Geoemydidae Nome anterior: *Testudo caspica; Clemmys caspica; Mauremys caspica caspica*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-25 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**450-650 g**
Longevidade	**15-25 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Semiaquático**
Habitat	**Área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**130 × 65 × 65 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Aquaterrário** profundidade 25-40 cm
Temperatura da água	**21-27 °C**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, ração completa, plantas, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**48-60 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**4-11 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-3**
Incubação	**65-100 dias** a 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Não avaliado (NE)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Keep the animal in a large aquaterrarium, a tub or an enclosed pond, not in an ordinary terrarium.
TEMPERATURA	The water must be 21-27 °C. The air above the water must be 24-29 °C, and the surface of the basking spot must reach 30-35 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. At night the air may fall to 18-24 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	For an aquatic turtle, air humidity matters little; 50-70 % in the room is an estimate. What is decisive is the cleanliness of the water: the animal passes droppings and food remains in the water, so it quickly becomes dirty.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The water is the animal's home, so it must be deep, clean and relatively warm. The water must be at least twice as deep as the shell is wide, and 25-40 cm suits adults; young animals need shallower water.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is a necessity: it allows the animal to produce vitamin D3, absorb calcium and develop a healthy shell. Zone 3 is suitable, because the species basks a lot and lives in open, sunny waters.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Mauremys caspica* is omnivorous, but plants make up most of the adult's diet: in the wild they account for 83-100 % of the food, and the rest is fish fry, tadpoles, frogs, crustaceans, aquatic insects and their larvae, earthworms and snails.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Mauremys caspica* is diurnal and shy: it dives in a flash when disturbed. In the wild, groups of animals bask side by side on banks and drifting objects.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Armênia, Azerbaijão, Barein, Geórgia, Irã, Iraque, Rússia, Arábia Saudita, Síria, Turquia e Turcomenistão.