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## Tent Tortoise

# *Psammobates tentorius*

*Psammobates tentorius* is a small, domed tortoise from the Karoo and other semi-deserts of south-western Africa. The shell is 11-15 cm long and has a pattern of yellow or orange rays on a dark ground. The species is difficult to keep: it dies easily in damp, cool air and rarely survives long in captivity. It is only for specialists who can give it a sunny, dry and well-drained set-up.

Família: Testudinidae  Nome anterior: *Testudo tentoria; Testudo boettgeri; Testudo oscarboettgeri; Psammobates depressa; Testudo trimeni; Testudo verroxii*

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **11-15 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **40-50 anos** |
| Ativo | **De dia** |
| Estilo de vida | **Terrestre** |
| Habitat | **Semideserto e terreno rochoso** |
| Dificuldade | **Especialista** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **120 × 60 × 40 cm**<br>C × L × A para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, dia | **22-28 °C** |
| Ponto quente | **32-35 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **12-18 °C** |
| Umidade | **30-50%** |
| Água | **Recipiente de água** |
| UVB | **Essencial**<br>Zona de Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentação | **Plantas** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Tamanho da postura | **1-3 ovos** |
| Posturas por ano | **1** |
| Incubação | **94-198 dias**<br>a 28-30 °C |

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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| CITES | **Apêndice II** |
| Anexo da UE | **Anexo B** |
| IUCN | **Quase ameaçado (NT)** |

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | Almost nothing is known about keeping *Psammobates tentorius*, and the animals rarely survive long away from their habitat. Damp is the most common cause of death in captivity. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | By day it should be 22-28 °C in the enclosure and, under a lamp, a basking spot of 32-35 °C, measured on the surface. At night 12-18 °C is suitable. |
| **UMIDADE E ÁGUA** | Humidity should be low, 30-50%, and the substrate should be dry. Damp is the most common cause of death, so misting is used only in very small amounts, and there must be no damp soil in the enclosure. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | The species is diurnal and basks a great deal. Sunlight is best, and the animal should be out in the sun as often as the weather allows. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | In the wild the species feeds on grasses, sedges and other low herbs and succulents, and it has a preference for flowers. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | The species is shy and retreats under shrubs or digs itself half in. It is highly susceptible to respiratory diseases if mixed with other tortoises, so it is kept alone and must never come into contact with other species. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | África do Sul e Namíbia. |