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Common Spider Tortoise

Pyxis arachnoides

Pyxis arachnoides is a small, critically endangered tortoise from the dry spiny forests along the south-west coast of Madagascar. The shell is high and domed with a web-like pattern, and adults are 10-12 cm long and weigh 200-400 g. The species is rare in captivity and reproduces slowly, and little is known about its care.

Família: Testudinidae Nome anterior: *Pyxis aranoides; Bellemys arachnoides*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**10-15 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**200-400 g**
Longevidade	**50-70 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-38 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e plantas**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**220-330 dias** a 29-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice I**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo A**
IUCN	**Em perigo crítico (CR)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little documented information exists on the care of *Pyxis arachnoides*. The species is kept and bred mainly in zoos and by specialists.
TEMPERATURA	The animal must be kept warm. During the day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-38 °C under a heat lamp at one end, measured on the substrate. At night the temperature drops to 18-22 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be around 50-70 %. The figure is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and should be seen as a starting point. Keep the substrate slightly damp, and mist the enclosure now and then.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*P. arachnoides* is diurnal. Natural sunlight is best, and indoors the species needs UVB light with a basking spot in Ferguson zone 3. The zone is borrowed from *Astrochelys radiata* and has not been measured for the species.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *P. arachnoides* eats young leaves, flowers, fruit, insect larvae and the droppings of larger animals.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	Handle the animal as little as possible, especially young animals. When threatened it withdraws its head, legs and tail into the shell.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.