Painted Wood Turtle

Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima

Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima is a diurnal, colourful turtle from the Pacific side of Mexico and Central America. The shell reaches 15-20 cm in length, and the head, legs and shell have red and yellow markings. The species lives mostly on land in scrub and humid forest and is best kept in a warm, humid terrarium with a shallow water area.

Família: Geoemydidae Nome anterior: *Emys pulcherrimus; Geoemyda pulcherrima; Callopsis pulcherrima*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-20 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-25 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e semiaquático**
Habitat	**Savana, floresta seca e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 50 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-26 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**70-90%**
Água	**Área aquática** profundidade 5-10 cm
Temperatura da água	**24-26 °C**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas, ração completa, plantas e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-5 ovos**
Incubação	**100-110 dias** a 26-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about keeping *Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima*, and several figures are borrowed from related turtles with the same way of life.
TEMPERATURA	By day the terrarium should be 22-26 °C, with 32-35 °C at the basking spot. The basking spot must be open and secure, so that the animal uses it.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be high, 70-90 %. Mist the terrarium heavily with lukewarm water every evening, and keep the substrate moist. Glass and plants should be able to dry between mistings, while the deep substrate holds the moisture.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The water area is a shallow tray with 5-10 cm of water and a ramp, so that the animal can easily get in and out. The temperature is 24-26 °C.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	Above the basking spot there must be a UVB tube and a heat spot in the same place, so that the animal gets both heat and UVB when it basks.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima* is omnivorous and eats with great appetite. Adults are fed two to three times a week with a mixture of about 60 % greens, 30 % fruit and vegetables and 10 % prepared turtle food.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima* is curious, active and not shy as long as it has hiding places. It digs down into the substrate and comes out when there is food. It likes to throw soil and sand onto its back with its forelimbs.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	México, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicarágua e Costa Rica.