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Die Spornschildkröte (*Geochelone sulcata*, MILLER, 1779) – Konsequenzen für Haltung und Aufzucht

The African Spurred tortoise (*Geochelone sulcata*, MILLER, 1779) - considerations for caring and raising them

Abstract

Geochelone sulcata, MILLER 1779, lives in the driest areas of Africa. Succulent plants and dry weeds are the main food source and typical of the barren vegetation in their natural habitat. When keeping them in captivity, extreme climatic conditions should be considered, and additionally their enormous size and power. A large size greenhouse facility, including free access to an outdoor enclosure, is the perfect way to keep spurred tortoises. Under the conditions described and considering the special aspects this species requires, *Geochelone sulcata* is not a problematic tortoise and breeding success follows relatively easily.

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