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Common Name: Malaysian Box Turtle **Latin Name:** *Cuora amboinensis*

Native to: Southeast Asia and Indonesia **Size Range:** 8 - 10 inches

Lifespan: 30-35 years

General Appearance: The Malaysian box turtle has three yellow stripes on the head. The carapace is dark olive in color.

Housing Requirements:

Enclosure: This box turtle requires at least a 20-long aquarium. The aquarium should provide half land and half water, with a minimum depth of 6 inches of water. This may be achieved using pea gravel. Plants may be added to make the enclosure more attractive.

Temperature: The water temperature should be maintained at 80 - 85 F. Temperature on land should be at least 78 F.

Heat/Light: It is important that adequate lighting is provided. Lighting must provide UVA and UVB for proper skeletal and shell development. Incandescent lights may be used to provide basking spots. Ceramic emitters or under-the-tank heaters may also be used to heat the enclosure.

Diet: Malaysian box turtles are omnivorous. Various mixed greens, fruits in limited quantities, mushrooms, crickets, and wax worms can be fed to this species. It is recommended to offer food once or twice a week.

Handling and Hygiene: After handling your tortoise it is always recommended that you wash your hands with antibacterial soap or use an antibacterial lotion.

Recommend Reading:

Practical Encyclopedia of Keeping and Breeding Tortoises and Fresh Water

Turtles: A.C. Highfield

The Box Turtle Manual: Philippe de Vosjoli