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AGAMAS

Sudan Mastigure

Uromastyx dispar

Uromastyx dispar is a spiny-tailed lizard from the Sahara and Sahel with four subspecies, including the large *U. d. flavifasciata* and the frequently kept *U. d. maliensis* from Mali. The species grows to 28-50 cm depending on form, is herbivorous and digs down into a deep substrate. It needs a large, hot and dry enclosure with powerful UVB and is more an animal to watch than to handle.

Family: Agamidae Former name: *Uromastyx flavifasciata; Uromastyx maliensis* Published 16 November 2026

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**28-50 cm** total length incl. tail
Weight	**200-400 g**
Lifespan	**15-25 years**
Active	**By day**
Lifestyle	**Rock-dwelling, terrestrial and burrowing**
Habitat	**Desert and rocky terrain**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**29-35 °C**
Basking spot	**45-50 °C**
Temperature, night	**20-22 °C**
Humidity	**20-30%**
Water	**No water dish**
UVB	**Essential** Ferguson zone 3
Winter rest	**18-21 °C** 8-12 weeks
Diet	**Plants**
Kept	**Singly or in pairs**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Sexually mature	**36 months**
Clutch size	**10-20 eggs**
Clutches per year	**1**
Incubation	**60-80 days** at 33 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Appendix II**
EU annex	**Annex B**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	An adult of the nominate form or *U. d. maliensis* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is better. The larger *U. d. flavifasciata* needs at least 150 × 60 × 60 cm.
TEMPERATURE	The basking spot must have a surface temperature of 45-50 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer directly under the lamp. The middle of the enclosure is at 35-38 °C and the cool end at 29-35 °C.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	Humidity must be below 30 %. The species tolerates slightly higher humidity as long as the enclosure is dry and warm enough, but it does not tolerate being cold and damp. Do not mist the enclosure.
LIGHTING AND UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light. Use an LED lamp or a fluorescent tube of about 6500 K as daylight in addition to the heat lamp.
FEEDING	*Uromastyx dispar* is a herbivore.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	Adults are territorial, especially males towards males, and two males must never be kept together.
NATIVE RANGE	Algeria, Western Sahara, Mali, Mauritania, Sudan and Chad.