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Desert horned lizard

Phrynosoma platyrhinos

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is a broad, flattened horned lizard from the deserts of the western USA and north-western Mexico. It reaches 7-10 cm from snout to vent, is diurnal and burrows into loose sand. It feeds mostly on ants, and it is precisely this diet that makes it one of the most difficult lizards to keep in an enclosure. There is little knowledge of how it should be cared for.

Familia: Phrynosomatidae Nombre anterior: *Anota calidiarum; Doliosaurus platyrhinos*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**7-10 cm** longitud hocico-cloaca
Esperanza de vida	**7-9 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Desierto y semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**100 × 50 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**27-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**20-40 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2-16 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1-2**
Incubación	**40-61 días** a 27-30 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

There is little knowledge about the care of *Phrynosoma platyrhinos*. Care is therefore based on the habitat: open, hot sandy flats, loose substrate, strong sun and a diet of ants.

TEMPERATURA

The species is a sun lover and needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be low, 20-40%, and the enclosure should dry out completely during the day. The substrate must not be wet. The species hardly ever drinks from a dish, but licks droplets from stones and plants.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is diurnal and spends the day in open sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB all year. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Food is the decisive limitation. In the wild, ants make up roughly half to four fifths of the diet, and the species eats large quantities. The rest is beetles, crickets, grasshoppers and flies.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is calm and lives alone. It does not make much fuss and is easy to overlook, because it blends into the ground. It moves in short bursts and stops again.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Estados Unidos y México.