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LACÉRTIDOS

North African Ocellated Lizard

Timon pater

Timon pater is a large, diurnal lizard from northern Algeria and Tunisia and a close relative of the European *Timon lepidus*. Its care is based on *T. lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*: a large enclosure, strong heat and UVB, a cool winter rest and, ideally, an outdoor enclosure in summer.

Familia: Lacertidae Nombre anterior: *Lacerta lepida pater*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**40-60 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**17 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Rupícola, terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Terreno rocoso y bosque y prado templados**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × An × Al para 2 adultos
Temperatura, día	**22-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**35-50 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**15-20 °C**
Humedad	**40-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Reposo invernal	**8-15 °C** 6-8 semanas
Alimentación	**Insectos y fruta**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**10-16 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1-2**
Incubación	**78-96 días** a 26 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**No incluida**
Anexo de la UE	**No incluida**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Timon pater*, and the figures here are borrowed from the closely related *Timon lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*, which are better known in captivity.

TEMPERATURA

The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 35-50 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The air in the rest of the enclosure is kept at 22-30 °C by day, and the temperature drops to 15-20 °C at night.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

The air in the enclosure should be fairly dry, 40-70 %, but the animals must always be able to retreat to a humid hide. Keep the substrate dry on top and damp deeper down.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Timon pater is diurnal and basks for several hours, so the enclosure needs plenty of light and strong UVB. Use a T5 HO tube of 10-12 % in a fitting with a reflector above the basking spot, or a mercury vapour lamp.

ALIMENTACIÓN

In the wild the diet consists mostly of beetles and ants, at times also snails and grasshoppers. Offer crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, mealworms and zophobas in a variety of sizes.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

The behaviour of *Timon pater* is not documented, so what follows is borrowed from the other members of the genus. The animals are curious and can take food from tweezers.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Argelia y Túnez.