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TORTUGAS

Mojave Desert Tortoise

Gopherus agassizii

Gopherus agassizii is a large, high-domed tortoise from the Mojave Desert in the south-western USA. It digs deep burrows and spends most of the year underground, sheltered from the heat and cold of the desert. The shell length is 25-35 cm. The species needs a large, sunny outdoor enclosure with dry, diggable soil and a long winter dormancy.

Familia: Testudinidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**25-35 cm** longitud total con la cola
Peso	**3.500-7.000 g**
Esperanza de vida	**50-80 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Excavador**
Hábitat	**Desierto y semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**240 × 120 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**24-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-36 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**30-50 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Reposo invernal	**5-12 °C** 12-20 semanas
Alimentación	**Plantas**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**120-240 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2-12 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1-3**
Incubación	**80-135 días** a 27-31 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**En peligro crítico (CR)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little has been published about keeping *Gopherus agassizii* outside its range. The care advice rests on the habitat and on care guidelines for the species from its home country.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-36 °C under a heat lamp, measured on the substrate. At night 18-22 °C is suitable, and the heat is switched off.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	The species belongs to a dry climate, and the relative humidity should be 30-50%. Keep the substrate mostly dry, but make a slightly more humid spot under a hide or in an artificial burrow where the animal can rest.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	The species is diurnal and basks a lot. Sunlight is best, and the animal should be out in the sun as often as the weather allows; artificial light cannot replace one to two hours of sunlight a day.
ALIMENTACIÓN	*G. agassizii* is a herbivore, and grazing is the foundation.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	The species is calm and busies itself with digging, eating and basking. It uses many burrows and hides and should have at least one dry hide at each end of the enclosure.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Estados Unidos.