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AGAMES

Bibron's Agama

Agama bibronii

Agama bibronii is a medium-sized, diurnal rock agama from Morocco and the neighbouring parts of Algeria and Western Sahara. In the breeding season the male has a coppery orange head and a bluish purple body. The species needs a spacious, dry enclosure, a very warm basking spot, strong UVB and cool nights. Little is known about its care.

Famille: Agamidae Ancien nom: *Agama impalearis*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**25-30 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**10-15 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Rupicole et terrestre**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et terrain rocheux**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**24-32 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**38-43 °C**
Température, nuit	**16-20 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-50 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes et plantes**
Détention	**Seul ou un mâle avec plusieurs femelles**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**12-24 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**5-23 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
Incubation	**41-67 jours** à 28-32 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Agama bibronii*. The species is rare in captivity, but has been bred over several generations.

TEMPÉRATURE

A. bibronii needs a clear gradient. The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 38-43 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The rest of the enclosure is 24-32 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity should be 30-50 %. *Agama bibronii* comes from arid to semi-arid regions, so the enclosure should be dry, with good ventilation. Mist the walls lightly one or two mornings a week; the animal readily drinks droplets.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

A. bibronii is diurnal and basks all day, so it needs strong light and UVB equivalent to Ferguson zone 3. This is borrowed from *Agama agama*, but suits the open, sunlit habitats of the species.

ALIMENTATION

Agama bibronii is primarily an insectivore. Offer a varied diet of well-fed insects: cockroaches, crickets, locusts and, in smaller amounts, mealworms and superworms. Fatty insects such as waxworms are for treats only.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

A. bibronii is fast, wary and territorial. Males defend an area with threatening postures: they raise the body, bob with the forelimbs, flare the throat and lash with the tail. Never keep two males together.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Maroc, Sahara occidental et Algérie.