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AGAMES

Central Netted Dragon

Ctenophorus nuchalis

Ctenophorus nuchalis is a small, diurnal agamid from the arid interior of Australia, with a dark, net-like pattern on a pale, reddish-brown body. It grows to 25-28 cm, digs into sand and is calm enough for gentle handling. The species needs a long, sandy enclosure, strong heat and UVB, and can live 6-10 years in captivity.

Famille: Agamidae Ancien nom: *Amphibolurus inermis; Amphibolurus nuchalis; Grammatophora inermis; Macrops nuchalis*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**25-28 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**6-10 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Désert et semi-désert**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**100 × 40 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 3 adultes
Température, jour	**25-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**35-40 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-25 °C**
Hygrométrie	**20-40 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes et plantes**
Détention	**Seul, en couple ou un mâle avec plusieurs femelles**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**5-6 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**2-6 œufs**
Pontes par an	**2-3**
Incubation	**56-77 jours** à 28-32 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe III**
Annexe UE	**Annexe C**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	A pair or a small group of up to three adults needs an enclosure of at least 100 × 40 × 40 cm (length × width × height).
TEMPÉRATURE	The air in the enclosure is 25-30 °C by day, and the cool end is about 25 °C. Under the basking spot the surface should be 35-40 °C, and it must not exceed 43 °C. Keep the temperature steady, with small fluctuations.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be low, about 20-40%; the figure is an estimate based on the habitat. The enclosure is dry and well ventilated, and the sand must not become damp, except in the egg-laying area.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB. Ferguson zone 3 is a good starting point; the zone is borrowed from other diurnal desert agamids.
ALIMENTATION	The species is an insectivore that also takes a good deal of plant matter. In the enclosure, crickets and cockroaches are the staple, with mealworms and silkworms for variety.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The animal is energetic and curious, but calm in temperament and tolerates gentle handling. Keep handling short. New animals often rub their snouts on the glass and try to escape for the first while.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Australie.