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AGAMES

Ornate Crevice-dragon

Ctenophorus ornatus

Ctenophorus ornatus is a flat, rock-dwelling agamid from the granite outcrops of south-western Australia. The animal reaches up to about 29 cm, has a distinctly banded tail and basks on warm rocks, where it bobs its head. It shelters under granite flakes and in crevices. The species needs a dry enclosure with rockwork, strong heat and UVB, and little is known about the care of this particular species.

Famille: Agamidae Ancien nom: *Amphibolurus ornatus; Grammatophora ornatus; Amphibolurus tibialis*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**29 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**1-11 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Rupicole**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et terrain rocheux**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**25-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**35-40 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**20-40 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes et plantes**
Détention	**En couple ou un mâle avec plusieurs femelles**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**2-4 œufs**
Incubation	**55-80 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

Little is known about the care of *Ctenophorus ornatus*. The figures in this section and the following ones are borrowed from *Ctenophorus pictus* and other species in the genus and adapted to a species that lives on rocks.

TEMPÉRATURE

The species is a sun-loving rock dweller and needs a large temperature difference. The air in the cool end should be 25-30 °C by day, and the surface of the basking spot, a flat stone under a heat lamp, should be 35-40 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The humidity should be low, 20-40 %; the figure is an estimate based on the habitat. Keep the enclosure dry and well ventilated, and let only a small part of the sand become damp at the laying site.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

A diurnal rock species needs strong light and UVB. Ferguson zone 3 is a good starting point; the zone has not been established for the species.

ALIMENTATION

The species eats insects and other small arthropods; in the enclosure crickets and cockroaches are the staple, with mealworms and silkworms for variety. Feeder animals must not be larger than the width of the animal's head.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The animal is wary and fast and withdraws into a crevice at the slightest fright. Handling is not necessary and stresses the animal. The male marks his territory with head bobbing and push-ups and defends a rock.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Australie.