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Desert horned lizard

Phrynosoma platyrhinos

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is a broad, flattened horned lizard from the deserts of the western USA and north-western Mexico. It reaches 7-10 cm from snout to vent, is diurnal and burrows into loose sand. It feeds mostly on ants, and it is precisely this diet that makes it one of the most difficult lizards to keep in an enclosure. There is little knowledge of how it should be cared for.

Famille: Phrynosomatidae Ancien nom: *Anota calidiarum; Doliosaurus platyrhinos*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**7-10 cm** longueur museau-cloaque
Espérance de vie	**7-9 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Désert et semi-désert**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**100 × 50 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**27-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**38-42 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**20-40 %**
Eau	**Pas de gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**2-16 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
Incubation	**40-61 jours** à 27-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

There is little knowledge about the care of *Phrynosoma platyrhinos*. Care is therefore based on the habitat: open, hot sandy flats, loose substrate, strong sun and a diet of ants.

TEMPÉRATURE

The species is a sun lover and needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity should be low, 20-40%, and the enclosure should dry out completely during the day. The substrate must not be wet. The species hardly ever drinks from a dish, but licks droplets from stones and plants.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is diurnal and spends the day in open sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB all year. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.

ALIMENTATION

Food is the decisive limitation. In the wild, ants make up roughly half to four fifths of the diet, and the species eats large quantities. The rest is beetles, crickets, grasshoppers and flies.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is calm and lives alone. It does not make much fuss and is easy to overlook, because it blends into the ground. It moves in short bursts and stops again.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

États-Unis et Mexique.