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LACERTIDÉS

North African Ocellated Lizard

Timon pater

Timon pater is a large, diurnal lizard from northern Algeria and Tunisia and a close relative of the European *Timon lepidus*. Its care is based on *T. lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*: a large enclosure, strong heat and UVB, a cool winter rest and, ideally, an outdoor enclosure in summer.

Famille: Lacertidae Ancien nom: *Lacerta lepida pater*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**40-60 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**17 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Rupicole, terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Terrain rocheux et forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**22-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**35-50 °C**
Température, nuit	**15-20 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Repos hivernal	**8-15 °C** 6-8 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes et fruits**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**10-16 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
Incubation	**78-96 jours** à 26 °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 *Timon pater*, and the figures here are borrowed from the closely related *Timon lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*, which are better known in captivity.

TEMPÉRATURE

The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 35-50 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The air in the rest of the enclosure is kept at 22-30 °C by day, and the temperature drops to 15-20 °C at night.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The air in the enclosure should be fairly dry, 40-70 %, but the animals must always be able to retreat to a humid hide. Keep the substrate dry on top and damp deeper down.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

Timon pater is diurnal and basks for several hours, so the enclosure needs plenty of light and strong UVB. Use a T5 HO tube of 10-12 % in a fitting with a reflector above the basking spot, or a mercury vapour lamp.

ALIMENTATION

In the wild the diet consists mostly of beetles and ants, at times also snails and grasshoppers. Offer crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, mealworms and zophobas in a variety of sizes.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The behaviour of *Timon pater* is not documented, so what follows is borrowed from the other members of the genus. The animals are curious and can take food from tweezers.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Algérie et Tunisie.