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SALAMANDRES ET TRITONS

Pygmy Marbled Newt

Triturus pygmaeus

Triturus pygmaeus is a newt from the south-western Iberian Peninsula and the smallest species in the genus, at 10-13 cm in total. It is recognised by its green, black-marbled pattern, the thin orange stripe down the back and the pale belly with dark spots. The species is cool-loving and thrives in a cool aquaterrarium with aquatic plants and good hides.

Famille: Salamandridae **Toxines cutanées faibles**

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**10-13 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**15-25 ans**
Activité	**Au crépuscule et la nuit**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et semi-aquatique**
Habitat	**Zone humide et forêt et prairie tempérées**
Toxines cutanées	**Faibles** Lavez-vous les mains après le contact et gardez les doigts loin des yeux et de la bouche
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**12-20 °C**
Température, nuit	**8-15 °C**
Hygrométrie	**70-95 %**
Eau	**Aquaterrarium** profondeur 10-25 cm
UVB	**Non nécessaires**
Repos hivernal	**6-10 °C** 6-10 semaines
Alimentation	**Insectes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**En couple ou en groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Développement	**Larves dans l'eau**
Lieu de ponte	**Dans l'eau**
Maturité sexuelle	**24-36 mois**
Œufs par saison	**200-350**
Éclosion	**14-21 jours** à 12-15 °C
Durée du stade larvaire	**56-70 jours** de l'éclosion à la métamorphose
Alimentation des larves	**Petits invertébrés aquatiques (daphnies, larves de moustiques)**
Soins parentaux	**Aucun**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Quasi menacée (NT)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	*Triturus pygmaeus* can be kept all year round in an aquaterrarium, and many adults readily stay in the water. An enclosure of 60 × 30 × 30 cm suits two animals, and a larger one gives more peace.
TEMPÉRATURE	*Triturus pygmaeus* is cool-loving. The daytime temperature is 12-20 °C and the night-time temperature 8-15 °C. Temperatures above 22 °C for long periods should be avoided, as the animals become sluggish and lose their appetite.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET BRUMISATION	The skin dries out quickly, so the humidity over the land section must be 70-95 %. Mist the land section with dechlorinated water once or twice a day, and let moss and soil hold the moisture without the substrate becoming sodden.
EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU	The water section is 10-25 cm deep and 10-20 °C. Dechlorinated tap water that has stood for a few days suits well, as the chlorine must be gone, but water quality is otherwise not critical.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	UVB is not necessary for the species, which lives hidden and is nocturnal.
ALIMENTATION	*Triturus pygmaeus* is voracious and eats any small animal it can swallow. In the water it is given earthworms, mosquito larvae, tubifex, daphnia, shrimps and dry food from the bottom; molluscs and small fish are also taken.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is calm and can be kept in pairs or in a small group. In the breeding season a group with more females than males is a good choice, so the females are left in peace.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Portugal et Espagne.