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SCINQUES

King's Skink

Egernia kingii

A large, heavy and almost black skink from the south-west coast of Australia. *Egernia kingii* is omnivorous, gives birth to live young and lives a long time. Little documented knowledge exists on its care in the terrarium, so this guide is based on the species in the wild and on its close relatives *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*.

Famille: Scincidae Ancien nom: *Tiliqua kingii*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**55 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**220-360 g**
Espérance de vie	**20 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**150 × 60 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**25-32 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**38-45 °C**
Température, nuit	**14-20 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-60 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes, fruits, plantes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Vivipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**36-60 mois**
Taille de la portée	**2-8 petits**
Gestation	**140-154 jours**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little documented knowledge exists on the care of *Egernia kingii*.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the air should be 25-32 °C with a clear gradient from the cool to the warm end. Under a halogen spot lies a large, flat stone whose surface should reach 38-45 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be 40-60%. Mist the enclosure lightly a couple of times a week, and keep the substrate slightly damp under one hide at the cool end, so the animal can choose. A large dish of fresh water should always be available.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	*Egernia kingii* is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. A UVB tube in a reflector over the basking spot, covering about half the length of the enclosure, gives Ferguson zone 3.
ALIMENTATION	*Egernia kingii* is omnivorous. In the wild the diet is mostly soft plant material, supplemented with insects and birds' eggs.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is a large and powerful skink. The animals' social life is not documented in the same way as in *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*, which live in family groups.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Australie.