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SCINQUES

Algerian orange-tailed skink

Eumeces algeriensis

A large, sturdy skink from Morocco and Algeria with a brown ground colour and pale crossbands with reddish eyespots. *Eumeces algeriensis* burrows into dry soil, needs sun, UVB and a deep substrate, and is often confused with *Eumeces schneiderii*.

Famille: Scincidae Ancien nom: *Eumeces schneideri algeriensis; Novoeumeces algeriensis*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**30-45 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**15-20 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et forêt et prairie tempérées**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**24-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**38-45 °C**
Température, nuit	**21-24 °C**
Hygrométrie	**20-40 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes, plantes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**5-15 œufs**
Incubation	**40-60 jours** à 28-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Eumeces algeriensis lives on the ground and burrows, so floor area and substrate matter most. Two animals need at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height); a single animal can be kept in 90 × 45 × 40 cm.

TEMPÉRATURE

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, coolest at one end and warmest near the basking spot.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry: the humidity should stay below 40 %. Mist lightly once a day if the air is very dry, and twice a day when a shed is approaching and the skin looks dull.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. It is placed in Ferguson zone 3; the figure is borrowed from *Eumeces schneiderii*.

ALIMENTATION

Eumeces algeriensis is omnivorous but feeds mainly on insects: crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, waxworms and hornworms, as well as snails and earthworms.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The species is less sociable than *E. schneiderii*. It can be kept singly, as a pair or as two females, but never two males together. The enclosure needs several hides and basking spots. New animals are often wary.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Maroc et Algérie.