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TORTUES TERRESTRES ET AQUATIQUES

Mojave Desert Tortoise

Gopherus agassizii

Gopherus agassizii is a large, high-domed tortoise from the Mojave Desert in the south-western USA. It digs deep burrows and spends most of the year underground, sheltered from the heat and cold of the desert. The shell length is 25-35 cm. The species needs a large, sunny outdoor enclosure with dry, diggable soil and a long winter dormancy.

Famille: Testudinidae

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**25-35 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**3 500-7 000 g**
Espérance de vie	**50-80 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Fouisseur**
Habitat	**Désert et semi-désert**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**240 × 120 × 40 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**24-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-36 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-50 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Repos hivernal	**5-12 °C** 12-20 semaines
Alimentation	**Plantes**
Détention	**Seul ou en couple**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**120-240 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**2-12 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-3**
Incubation	**80-135 jours** à 27-31 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**En danger critique (CR)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little has been published about keeping *Gopherus agassizii* outside its range. The care advice rests on the habitat and on care guidelines for the species from its home country.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-36 °C under a heat lamp, measured on the substrate. At night 18-22 °C is suitable, and the heat is switched off.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	The species belongs to a dry climate, and the relative humidity should be 30-50%. Keep the substrate mostly dry, but make a slightly more humid spot under a hide or in an artificial burrow where the animal can rest.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and basks a lot. Sunlight is best, and the animal should be out in the sun as often as the weather allows; artificial light cannot replace one to two hours of sunlight a day.
ALIMENTATION	*G. agassizii* is a herbivore, and grazing is the foundation.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is calm and busies itself with digging, eating and basking. It uses many burrows and hides and should have at least one dry hide at each end of the enclosure.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	États-Unis.