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AGAMIDI

Ornate Crevice-dragon

Ctenophorus ornatus

Ctenophorus ornatus is a flat, rock-dwelling agamid from the granite outcrops of south-western Australia. The animal reaches up to about 29 cm, has a distinctly banded tail and basks on warm rocks, where it bobs its head. It shelters under granite flakes and in crevices. The species needs a dry enclosure with rockwork, strong heat and UVB, and little is known about the care of this particular species.

Famiglia: Agamidae Nome precedente: *Amphibolurus ornatus; Grammatophora ornatus; Amphibolurus tibialis*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**29 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**1-11 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Rupicolo**
Habitat	**Semideserto e terreno roccioso**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**100 × 50 × 50 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**25-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**35-40 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-22 °C**
Umidità	**20-40%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti e piante**
Detenzione	**In coppia o un maschio con più femmine**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**2-4 uova**
Incubazione	**55-80 giorni** a 28-32 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice III**
Allegato UE	**Allegato C**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Ctenophorus ornatus*. The figures in this section and the following ones are borrowed from *Ctenophorus pictus* and other species in the genus and adapted to a species that lives on rocks.

TEMPERATURA

The species is a sun-loving rock dweller and needs a large temperature difference. The air in the cool end should be 25-30 °C by day, and the surface of the basking spot, a flat stone under a heat lamp, should be 35-40 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

The humidity should be low, 20-40 %; the figure is an estimate based on the habitat. Keep the enclosure dry and well ventilated, and let only a small part of the sand become damp at the laying site.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

A diurnal rock species needs strong light and UVB. Ferguson zone 3 is a good starting point; the zone has not been established for the species.

ALIMENTAZIONE

The species eats insects and other small arthropods; in the enclosure crickets and cockroaches are the staple, with mealworms and silkworms for variety. Feeder animals must not be larger than the width of the animal's head.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The animal is wary and fast and withdraws into a crevice at the slightest fright. Handling is not necessary and stresses the animal. The male marks his territory with head bobbing and push-ups and defends a rock.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Australia.