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LACERTIDI

Broadley's Rough-scaled Plated Lizard

Broadleysaurus major

Broadleysaurus major is a stout, armoured lizard from the savannas and rocky country of Africa, with thick, keeled scales in transverse bands, a blunt snout and a tail that makes up less than half of the total length. It is diurnal and inquisitive, but dislikes handling. It needs a large enclosure with deep burrowing substrate, warm basking spots, UVB and a diet of insects, plants and a little fruit.

Famiglia: Gerrhosauridae Nome precedente: *Gerrhosaurus major*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**30-60 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**10-15 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Rupicolo, terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Savana e terreno roccioso**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**23-26 °C**
Punto caldo	**40-46 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**15-22 °C**
Umidità	**40-60%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti, frutta e piante**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**2-3 uova**
Incubazione	**110-145 giorni** a 28-30 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Non elencata**
Allegato UE	**Non elencata**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

An adult needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). Bigger is better, because the species is very active and covers large areas in the wild.

TEMPERATURA

The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 40-46 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The cool end is 23-26 °C, and at night the temperature falls to 15-22 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Relative humidity in the enclosure is 40-60%, but the enclosure should have a dry area of 20-40% and a humid area of 50-80%. The air should be relatively dry, while the animal must have free access to a humid hide.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is diurnal and requires UVB. Without UVB the animal becomes ill. The UVB tube should be a T5 HO of 10-14%, in a fitting that covers about half the length of the enclosure, on the same side as the heat bulbs.

ALIMENTAZIONE

The species is omnivorous and lives mostly on insects, but also eats plants, flowers and fruit, and adults live on a larger proportion of plant matter. Juveniles need more energy-rich insects and small animals.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

B. major is active and inquisitive, but also nervous and easily frightened. Juveniles are particularly shy and defensive. The animal rarely bites, but lashes with its tail when grabbed.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambico, Malawi, Zambia, Etiopia, Eritrea, Gibuti, Togo, Congo - Kinshasa, Sudafrica, eSwatini, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Sud Sudan, Repubblica Centrafricana, Somalia, Uganda, Camerun, Nigeria, Benin e Ghana.