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LACERTIDI

North African Ocellated Lizard

Timon pater

Timon pater is a large, diurnal lizard from northern Algeria and Tunisia and a close relative of the European *Timon lepidus*. Its care is based on *T. lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*: a large enclosure, strong heat and UVB, a cool winter rest and, ideally, an outdoor enclosure in summer.

Famiglia: Lacertidae Nome precedente: *Lacerta lepida pater*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**40-60 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**17 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Rupicolo, terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Terreno roccioso e bosco e prato temperati**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**22-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**35-50 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**15-20 °C**
Umidità	**40-70%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Riposo invernale	**8-15 °C** 6-8 settimane
Alimentazione	**Insetti e frutta**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**10-16 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1-2**
Incubazione	**78-96 giorni** a 26 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Timon pater*, and the figures here are borrowed from the closely related *Timon lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*, which are better known in captivity.

TEMPERATURA

The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 35-50 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The air in the rest of the enclosure is kept at 22-30 °C by day, and the temperature drops to 15-20 °C at night.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

The air in the enclosure should be fairly dry, 40-70 %, but the animals must always be able to retreat to a humid hide. Keep the substrate dry on top and damp deeper down.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

Timon pater is diurnal and basks for several hours, so the enclosure needs plenty of light and strong UVB. Use a T5 HO tube of 10-12 % in a fitting with a reflector above the basking spot, or a mercury vapour lamp.

ALIMENTAZIONE

In the wild the diet consists mostly of beetles and ants, at times also snails and grasshoppers. Offer crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, mealworms and zophobas in a variety of sizes.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The behaviour of *Timon pater* is not documented, so what follows is borrowed from the other members of the genus. The animals are curious and can take food from tweezers.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Algeria e Tunisia.