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SCINCHI

Hosmer's Spiny-tailed Skink

Egernia hosmeri

Egernia hosmeri is a reddish-brown, spiny skink from the dry, rocky regions of northern Australia. It is diurnal, omnivorous and gives birth to live young. Little documented knowledge of its care exists, so the guide is based on the species in the wild and on the close relatives *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*.

Famiglia: Scincidae

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**28-30 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**125-135 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**10-25 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Rupicolo**
Habitat	**Savana e terreno roccioso**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**27-32 °C**
Punto caldo	**40-45 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-24 °C**
Umidità	**30-50%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti, frutta e piante**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente o in coppia**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Vivipara**
Piccoli per parto	**1-8 piccoli**
Gestazione	**90-150 giorni**

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Egernia hosmeri*.
TEMPERATURA	The enclosure must have a clear gradient. By day the air is 27-32 °C. Under a halogen spot lies a large, flat stone whose surface should reach 40-45 °C measured with an infrared thermometer, and the cool end is about 27 °C.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	The species comes from dry regions, and humidity should be 30-50 %. Mist the enclosure lightly a couple of times a week, and keep the substrate slightly damp under one hide at the cool end, so that the animal can choose for itself.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	*Egernia hosmeri* is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. A UVB tube in a reflector over the basking spot, covering about half the enclosure's length, gives Ferguson zone 3.
ALIMENTAZIONE	*Egernia hosmeri* is omnivorous and in the wild eats insects, leaves, shoots and berries.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	The animals' social life is not documented for *Egernia hosmeri*. The species of the genus live in permanent pairs and stable family groups for years, but unfamiliar adults can come into serious conflict.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Australia.