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## 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.

Famiglia: Testudinidae

### DATI ESSENZIALI

#### L'ANIMALE

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| Dimensioni da adulto | **25-35 cm**<br>lunghezza totale inclusa la coda |
| Peso | **3.500-7.000 g** |
| Aspettativa di vita | **50-80 anni** |
| Attività | **Di giorno** |
| Stile di vita | **Scavatore** |
| Habitat | **Deserto e semideserto** |
| Difficoltà | **Esperto** |

#### CURA

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| Terrario min. | **240 × 120 × 40 cm**<br>L × P × H per 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, giorno | **24-30 °C** |
| Punto caldo | **32-36 °C** |
| Temperatura, notte | **18-22 °C** |
| Umidità | **30-50%** |
| Acqua | **Ciotola d'acqua** |
| UVB | **Indispensabili**<br>Zona Ferguson 3 |
| Riposo invernale | **5-12 °C**<br>12-20 settimane |
| Alimentazione | **Piante** |
| Detenzione | **Singolarmente o in coppia** |

#### RIPRODUZIONE

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| Riproduzione | **Ovipara** |
| Maturità sessuale | **120-240 mesi** |
| Uova per deposizione | **2-12 uova** |
| Deposizioni all'anno | **1-3** |
| Incubazione | **80-135 giorni**<br>a 27-31 °C |

#### TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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| CITES | **Appendice II** |
| Allegato UE | **Allegato B** |
| IUCN | **In pericolo critico (CR)** |

## La cura in breve

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| **IL TERRARIO** | 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. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | 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. |
| **UMIDITÀ E ACQUA** | 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. |
| **ILLUMINAZIONE E 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. |
| **ALIMENTAZIONE** | *G. agassizii* is a herbivore, and grazing is the foundation. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE** | 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. |
| **AREALE D'ORIGINE** | Stati Uniti. |