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SALAMANDRE E TRITONI

Pygmy Marbled Newt

Triturus pygmaeus

Triturus pygmaeus is a newt from the south-western Iberian Peninsula and the smallest species in the genus, at 10-13 cm in total. It is recognised by its green, black-marbled pattern, the thin orange stripe down the back and the pale belly with dark spots. The species is cool-loving and thrives in a cool aquaterrarium with aquatic plants and good hides.

Famiglia: Salamandridae **Tossine cutanee lievi**

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**10-13 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-25 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e semiacquatico**
Habitat	**Zona umida e bosco e prato temperati**
Tossine cutanee	**Lievi** Lavati le mani dopo il contatto e tieni le dita lontane da occhi e bocca
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**12-20 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**8-15 °C**
Umidità	**70-95%**
Acqua	**Acquaterrario** profondità 10-25 cm
UVB	**Non necessari**
Riposo invernale	**6-10 °C** 6-10 settimane
Alimentazione	**Insetti e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**In coppia o in gruppo**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Sviluppo	**Larve in acqua**
Luogo di deposizione	**In acqua**
Maturità sessuale	**24-36 mesi**
Uova per stagione	**200-350**
Schiusa	**14-21 giorni** a 12-15 °C
Periodo larvale	**56-70 giorni** dalla schiusa alla metamorfosi
Alimentazione delle larve	**Piccoli invertebrati acquatici (dafnie, larve di zanzara)**
Cure parentali	**Nessuna**

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Non elencata**
Allegato UE	**Non elencata**
IUCN	**Quasi minacciata (NT)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	*Triturus pygmaeus* can be kept all year round in an aquaterrarium, and many adults readily stay in the water. An enclosure of 60 × 30 × 30 cm suits two animals, and a larger one gives more peace.
TEMPERATURA	*Triturus pygmaeus* is cool-loving. The daytime temperature is 12-20 °C and the night-time temperature 8-15 °C. Temperatures above 22 °C for long periods should be avoided, as the animals become sluggish and lose their appetite.
UMIDITÀ E NEBULIZZAZIONE	The skin dries out quickly, so the humidity over the land section must be 70-95 %. Mist the land section with dechlorinated water once or twice a day, and let moss and soil hold the moisture without the substrate becoming sodden.
ACQUA E QUALITÀ DELL'ACQUA	The water section is 10-25 cm deep and 10-20 °C. Dechlorinated tap water that has stood for a few days suits well, as the chlorine must be gone, but water quality is otherwise not critical.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	UVB is not necessary for the species, which lives hidden and is nocturnal.
ALIMENTAZIONE	*Triturus pygmaeus* is voracious and eats any small animal it can swallow. In the water it is given earthworms, mosquito larvae, tubifex, daphnia, shrimps and dry food from the bottom; molluscs and small fish are also taken.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	The species is calm and can be kept in pairs or in a small group. In the breeding season a group with more females than males is a good choice, so the females are left in peace.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Portogallo e Spagna.