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AGAMEN

Thorny Devil

Moloch horridus

Moloch horridus is a small desert agama from inland Australia, covered in cone-shaped spines from snout to tail tip. It feeds almost exclusively on ants, drinks by drawing moisture up through its skin and walks with a characteristic rocking gait. The species is so specialised that it is almost never kept, and little is known about its care.

Familie: Agamidae Vroegere naam: *Acanthosaurus gibbosus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-21 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**30-90 g**
Levensduur	**6-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-35 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-45 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**10-30%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3-10 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**90-132 dagen** bij 27-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Moloch horridus*, and the species is not suited to private keeping. The reason is its food: the animal eats almost exclusively ants and needs large quantities every day.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the temperature should be 25-35 °C with a basking spot of 38-45 °C, measured as surface temperature with an infrared thermometer.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Air humidity should be low, 10-30 %, but the animal must be able to take in moisture through its skin.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Moloch horridus is diurnal and lives in full sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3, for example a T5 HO tube of 10-12 %.

VOEDING

Moloch horridus eats almost exclusively ants, especially of the genera *Iridomyrmex* and *Crematogaster*.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Moloch horridus is calm, slow and not aggressive. It walks with a characteristic jerky gait, rocking from side to side and often standing completely still in mid-step with one foot raised.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Australië.