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AGAMEN

Chinese Water Dragon

Physignathus cocincinus

Physignathus cocincinus is a large, green, semi-aquatic agamid from wooded streams in South-East Asia. It grows to about 90 cm, of which more than two thirds is tail. The species is diurnal, climbs and dives, and needs a very large, tall and humid enclosure with a deep water section, strong UVB and a warm basking spot. A large share of the animals in the trade are wild-caught.

Familie: Agamidae Vroegere naam: *Dilophyrus mentager*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**70-90 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**250-600 g**
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**180 × 90 × 180 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**35-40 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**21-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Watergedeelte** diepte 15-30 cm
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, planten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**5-18 eieren**
Incubatie	**60-75 dagen** bij 29-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Kwetsbaar (VU)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A single adult needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 180 cm (length × width × height). The species is large and active, climbs and swims, and in a smaller enclosure it becomes stressed and injures itself.

TEMPERATUUR

The basking spot must be 35-40 °C, measured with a digital thermometer on the branch itself. Juveniles need a basking spot at the low end of the range. The air in the cool end must be 25-28 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be 60-80 %, highest in the morning (about 75-80 %) and lower in the evening (about 50-60 %). This is achieved with 1-2 daily mistings or an automatic rain system, a damp substrate and a large water section.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

The water section must be large enough for the animal to dive and swim: at least 15 cm deep, preferably more, and it should cover a third to a half of the floor.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and needs strong UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3. Use a T5 HO tube with 10-12 % UVB in a reflective fitting on the same side as the heat lamps.

VOEDING

Physignathus cocincinus is omnivorous, but lives mostly on insects. Young animals eat almost only insects, and plants are added with age. Hatchlings under 3 months: small crickets every day.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Physignathus cocincinus is shy and sensitive to stress, especially wild-caught animals. Let a new animal settle in without handling, and then begin feeding from tweezers so the animal comes to you.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

China, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodja en Thailand.