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ECHTE HAGEDISSEN

Argentine Black and White Tegu

Salvator merianae

Salvator merianae is the largest of the tegus: a powerful, intelligent, diurnal lizard from eastern and central South America with black and white bands. Males reach up to 150 cm and weigh several kilos. The species needs a purpose-built enclosure of at least 300 × 150 × 150 cm, a deep, humid digging substrate, strong heat and UVB, and it lives for 15-20 years. In the wild it spends 4-6 months of the year in brumation.

Familie: Teiidae Vroegere naam: *Tupinambis merianae*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**80-150 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**2.500-8.000 g**
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**300 × 150 × 150 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-35 °C**
Zonneplek	**52-57 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-80%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**15-20 °C** 17-22 weken
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, planten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**18-25 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**40-75 dagen** bij 29-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult male needs an enclosure of at least 300 × 150 × 150 cm (length × width × height), and an adult female at least 240 × 120 × 120 cm. Enclosures this large must be built or ordered specially. Bigger is better.

TEMPERATUUR

Salvator merianae needs a clear gradient. The basking spot has a surface temperature of 52-57 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The warm side of the enclosure is 32-35 °C and the cool side 24-29 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity in the enclosure should be 70-80 %. Keep it up by watering the substrate until it is evenly damp but not muddy, and repeat this weekly, and by misting daily. Several short mistings work better than one long one.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Salvator merianae is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB for 12-14 hours a day.

VOEDING

Salvator merianae is omnivorous and needs a varied diet. An adult gets about 60 % animal food, 30 % vegetables and 10 % fruit.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Salvator merianae is intelligent and curious and can learn to respond to its name, solve small tasks to reach food and follow simple commands.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Brazilië, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia en Argentinië.