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ECHTE HAGEDISSEN

North African Ocellated Lizard

Timon pater

Timon pater is a large, diurnal lizard from northern Algeria and Tunisia and a close relative of the European *Timon lepidus*. Its care is based on *T. lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*: a large enclosure, strong heat and UVB, a cool winter rest and, ideally, an outdoor enclosure in summer.

Familie: Lacertidae Vroegere naam: *Lacerta lepida pater*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**40-60 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**17 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend, bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Rotsachtig terrein en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**22-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**35-50 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**8-15 °C** 6-8 weken
Voeding	**Insecten en fruit**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**10-16 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**78-96 dagen** bij 26 °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 *Timon pater*, and the figures here are borrowed from the closely related *Timon lepidus* and *Timon tangitanus*, which are better known in captivity.

TEMPERATUUR

The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 35-50 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The air in the rest of the enclosure is kept at 22-30 °C by day, and the temperature drops to 15-20 °C at night.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The air in the enclosure should be fairly dry, 40-70 %, but the animals must always be able to retreat to a humid hide. Keep the substrate dry on top and damp deeper down.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Timon pater is diurnal and basks for several hours, so the enclosure needs plenty of light and strong UVB. Use a T5 HO tube of 10-12 % in a fitting with a reflector above the basking spot, or a mercury vapour lamp.

VOEDING

In the wild the diet consists mostly of beetles and ants, at times also snails and grasshoppers. Offer crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, mealworms and zophobas in a variety of sizes.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The behaviour of *Timon pater* is not documented, so what follows is borrowed from the other members of the genus. The animals are curious and can take food from tweezers.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

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