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HAZELWORMACHTIGEN

Mexican Beaded Lizard

Heloderma horridum

Heloderma horridum is a large, black and yellow-spotted venomous lizard from the tropical dry forests on Mexico's Pacific side, larger than *Heloderma suspectum*. A bite is a medical emergency. The species grows to 60-90 cm, burrows and climbs, feeds on eggs and small vertebrates, and requires experience, firm routines and safe handling.

Familie: Helodermatidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**60-90 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**800-2.000 g**
Levensduur	**20-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend, bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**180 × 80 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Winterrust	**15-20 °C** 8-12 weken
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**3-13 eieren**
Incubatie	**208 dagen** bij 26 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Heloderma horridum*.
TEMPERATUUR	The enclosure should have a gradient from 22 to 32 °C by day; active animals keep a body temperature of around 30 °C. Under the heat lamp there is a warmer spot, and the animal must be able to move away from the heat.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity is 40-60 %, and part of the substrate is kept slightly damp so that the animal can dig into moister soil.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is most active in the late afternoon, at dusk and at night, but a fixed lighting rhythm gives a natural daily cycle. The light is on for 10-13 hours a day, shortest in the cool period.
VOEDING	In the wild the species feeds mainly on eggs from birds and reptiles and on nestlings. It also takes small birds, mammals, frogs, lizards and insects. The fat reserve in the tail carries it through the dry season.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	SAFETY: the animal is venomous and strong. It bites and holds on and can turn surprisingly fast, especially in the evening and at night. Follow these rules: Never touch the animal with bare hands.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mexico.