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HAZELWORMACHTIGEN

Checkerboard Worm Lizard

Trogonophis wiegmanni

Trogonophis wiegmanni is a small, legless worm lizard from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia that spends its whole life buried in sandy soil and under stones. The animal is 12-18 cm from snout to vent, has a short, conical tail and a chequerboard pattern. The species gives birth to live young and needs a deep, slightly moist substrate, even warmth from below and peace and quiet. Little is known about its husbandry.

Familie: Trogonophidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**12-18 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**5-10 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**40 × 30 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**20-25 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Insecten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**30 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**2-5 jongen**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Draagtijd	**120-150 dagen**

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 husbandry of *Trogonophis wiegmanni*.
TEMPERATUUR	The animals warm themselves by lying buried in heated soil, not in the warmth of a lamp.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	It is the moisture of the substrate that counts, not that of the air. The substrate should be slightly moist all the way down: it should hold its shape when pressed in the hand, but not drip.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The animals lie buried and are not seen in the light. UVB is not necessary.
VOEDING	*Trogonophis wiegmanni* is a carnivore that eats insects and other small, soil-dwelling invertebrates. In the wild, insect larvae and snails are the preferred prey, while ants and woodlice are almost ignored.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Trogonophis wiegmanni* is seldom seen. The animals lie buried and emerge only under the tile. This is normal. Do not dig for the animals to check on them, because disturbance and stress make them less active.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Marokko, Algerije en Tunesië.