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KIKKERS

Budgett's Frog

Lepidobatrachus laevis

Lepidobatrachus laevis is a broad, flat aquatic frog from the Gran Chaco in South America with a mouth that fills almost the whole head. It lies in ambush in shallow water with only the eyes and nostrils above the surface and swallows anything it can overpower. The species reaches 8-15 cm, must live alone and bites hard enough to draw blood, so it is an animal to look at, not to pick up.

Familie: Ceratophryidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**8-15 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**5-20 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Gravend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en moerasgebied**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 30 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-70%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 5-23 cm
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Kikkervisjes in het water**
Legplaats	**In het water**
Geslachtsrijp	**12 maanden**
Eieren per legsel	**1.400**
Larvenperiode	**14 dagen** van uitkomen tot metamorfose
Voeding van de larven	**Andere kikkervisjes**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Despite its size the species does not require a large enclosure. An adult manages in an aquarium of about 60 × 30 × 40 cm, and a young frog of 4-6 cm in about 30 × 25 × 25 cm.

TEMPERATUUR

By day, water and air are kept at 24-28 °C and at night at 20-23 °C. In cold water the frog eats poorly and falls ill more easily, so a thermostat-controlled aquarium heater is necessary in most living rooms.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN

Humidity is kept at 60-70 %, and the large water surface manages that almost by itself. More important is good ventilation, because stagnant, humid air quickly causes bacterial skin infections.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

The water is the frog's home, and water quality is the most important thing in the whole care. Young animals need 5-8 cm of water, adults 15-23 cm, or about three times the frog's body height.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

UVB is not necessary for *Lepidobatrachus laevis*. Light is not strictly necessary either, but an ordinary aquarium tube for 12 hours a day gives a clear daily rhythm and keeps the plants alive.

VOEDING

Lepidobatrachus laevis is a predator and eats anything it can overpower. The staple diet is earthworms, crickets, locusts, cockroaches and wax moth larvae, preferably varied with shelled snails.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Lepidobatrachus laevis is a loner that lies still for hours and then strikes. It is most active at night. The males call with a loud, croaking sound from a spot where they can sit with their head just above the water.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Argentinië, Bolivia en Paraguay.