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KIKKERS

African Bullfrog

Pyxicephalus adspersus

Pyxicephalus adspersus is one of the largest frogs in the world: a heavy, olive-green burrowing frog from southern and eastern Africa, where the males can reach 25 cm and guard their tadpoles. It eats almost anything it can overpower, bites hard and can live 20-30 years in captivity. It suits the keeper who wants a large, striking animal and has respect for the mouth.

Familie: Pyxicephalidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**9-25 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**15-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn, savanne en moerasgebied**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Watergedeelte**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Kikkervisjes in het water**
Legplaats	**In het water**
Eieren per legsel	**3.000-4.000**
Uitkomen	**2-3 dagen** bij 24-27 °C
Larvenperiode	**14-35 dagen** van uitkomen tot metamorfose
Voeding van de larven	**Algen/planten, kant-en-klaar voer en andere kikkervisjes**
Broedzorg	**Bewaakt de eieren**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
An adult male needs an enclosure of at least 90 × 45 × 45 cm, while females and juveniles can make do with slightly less. Floor area matters more than height, because the species does not climb.

TEMPERATUUR
During the day the enclosure should sit at 24-28 °C with a warm side of 29-32 °C, and at night it may drop to 20-24 °C. The cool side may be slightly above room temperature, so the animal can choose for itself.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN
Humidity is kept at 60-80%. It comes mostly from the damp substrate and the water section, and the whole enclosure can be misted with dechlorinated water as needed.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT
The frog bathes and swims readily and must always have access to water. A permanent water section or a large, shallow tub where the whole animal can lie with water up to its chin and easily climb out again is the minimum.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is most active at dusk and at night and does not need strong light, but it must have a clear difference between day and night: 12-13 hours of light in summer and about 11 hours in winter.

VOEDING
Pyxicephalus adspersus is a predator and eats almost anything that fits in its mouth: insects, worms, snails and, in the wild, also rodents, reptiles, birds and other frogs.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
The animal often lies buried with only its eyes and nostrils above the substrate, waiting for prey, but comes out at night to hunt and swim. It is not an animal for handling: stress is unhealthy, and the bite is hard.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Angola, Botswana, Kenia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibië, Zuid-Afrika, Tanzania, Oeganda, Zambia en Zimbabwe.