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## Desert Iguana

# *Dipsosaurus dorsalis*

*Dipsosaurus dorsalis* is a pale, fast and unusually heat-tolerant iguana from the deserts of the south-western USA and north-western Mexico. It grows to 33-45 cm, burrows in sand and feeds almost exclusively on flowers, leaves and buds. It needs a dry enclosure with a deep sand floor, very high heat and strong UVB, and it can live 8-15 years.

Familie: Iguanidae  Vroegere naam: *Crotaphytus dorsalis; Dipsosaurus carmenensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **33-45 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **8-15 jaar** |
| Actief | **Overdag** |
| Levenswijze | **Bodembewonend en gravend** |
| Leefgebied | **Woestijn en halfwoestijn** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **120 × 60 × 60 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier |
| Temperatuur overdag | **28-38 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **42-46 °C** |
| Temperatuur ’s nachts | **18-24 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **15-30%** |
| Water | **Waterbak** |
| UVB | **Onmisbaar**<br>Fergusonzone 4 |
| Voeding | **Planten** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair, in paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes** |

### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Geslachtsrijp | **31-33 maanden** |
| Legselgrootte | **3-8 eieren** |
| Legsels per jaar | **1-2** |
| Incubatie | **60-75 dagen**<br>bij 30-35 °C |

### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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| CITES | **Niet opgenomen** |
| EU-bijlage | **Niet opgenomen** |
| IUCN | **Niet bedreigd (LC)** |

## Verzorging in het kort

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| HET TERRARIUM | One animal or a pair needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). Three or four adults need at least 120 × 120 cm of floor space and preferably 180 × 90 cm. |
| TEMPERATUUR | The air should be 28-38 °C during the day with a clear gradient, and the warm half should be 33-41 °C, which the species prefers. The basking spot should be 42-46 °C measured on the surface with an infrared thermometer. |
| LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER | Humidity should be low: 15-30 %, briefly higher just after a light misting of the sand. Mist the substrate only a little, when the sand is so dry that the tunnels collapse. |
| WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT | Put a small, stable water bowl in the cool end. The species seldom drinks from the bowl and gets most of its fluid from damp greens, but the bowl should be available at all times. |
| VERLICHTING EN UVB | *Dipsosaurus dorsalis* is diurnal and belongs to Ferguson zone 4. |
| VOEDING | *Dipsosaurus dorsalis* is herbivorous, and the diet must be plant-based. |
| GEDRAG EN OMGANG | *Dipsosaurus dorsalis* is calm and can become nearly tame if handled gently from a young age. Lift it from underneath, and do not close your hand around it. |
| NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED | Verenigde Staten en Mexico. |