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LEGUANEN

Desert horned lizard

Phrynosoma platyrhinos

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is a broad, flattened horned lizard from the deserts of the western USA and north-western Mexico. It reaches 7-10 cm from snout to vent, is diurnal and burrows into loose sand. It feeds mostly on ants, and it is precisely this diet that makes it one of the most difficult lizards to keep in an enclosure. There is little knowledge of how it should be cared for.

Familie: Phrynosomatidae Vroegere naam: *Anota calidiarum; Doliosaurus platyrhinos*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**7-10 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**7-9 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**100 × 50 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**27-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-42 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**20-40%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**2-16 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**40-61 dagen** bij 27-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

There is little knowledge about the care of *Phrynosoma platyrhinos*. Care is therefore based on the habitat: open, hot sandy flats, loose substrate, strong sun and a diet of ants.

TEMPERATUUR

The species is a sun lover and needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be low, 20-40%, and the enclosure should dry out completely during the day. The substrate must not be wet. The species hardly ever drinks from a dish, but licks droplets from stones and plants.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and spends the day in open sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB all year. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.

VOEDING

Food is the decisive limitation. In the wild, ants make up roughly half to four fifths of the diet, and the species eats large quantities. The rest is beetles, crickets, grasshoppers and flies.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is calm and lives alone. It does not make much fuss and is easy to overlook, because it blends into the ground. It moves in short bursts and stops again.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Verenigde Staten en Mexico.