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SALAMANDERS EN WATERSALAMANDERS

Axolotl

Ambystoma mexicanum

Ambystoma mexicanum is a large, fully aquatic salamander that never leaves the larval stage: it keeps its external gills, the fin along its tail and a broad, smiling head throughout its life, yet still becomes sexually mature. In the wild the species is critically endangered, but in the aquarium it is hardy and calm as long as the water is kept cold and clean.

Familie: Ambystomatidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-30 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Moerasgebied**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 30 × 35 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**16-20 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**14-18 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**100%**
Water	**Aquaterrarium** diepte 20-35 cm
Watertemperatuur	**16-20 °C**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Kant-en-klaar voer en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Blijft zijn hele leven larf (neotenie)**
Legplaats	**In het water**
Geslachtsrijp	**6-18 maanden**
Eieren per seizoen	**100-1.000**
Uitkomen	**14 dagen** bij 24 °C
Voeding van de larven	**Andere larven en kleine waterongewervelden (watervlooien, muggenlarven)**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Ernstig bedreigd (CR)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	*A. mexicanum* is kept in an aquarium without a land area, because the animal never leaves the water. One adult needs an aquarium of at least 50 × 25 × 25 cm, and two adults at least 60 × 30 × 35 cm.
TEMPERATUUR	The water temperature should be 16-20 °C, ideally 16-18 °C, and at night it may fall to 14 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN	Air humidity is irrelevant, because the animal never leaves the water, and misting is not relevant. Under the aquarium lid the air above the water is saturated with moisture, which is why the box says 100 %.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The aquarium filter must be cycled for several weeks before the animal goes in. Use ordinary tap water treated with a water conditioner against chlorine, chloramine and heavy metals; chlorine is harmful to the species.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*A. mexicanum* does not need light, and UVB is not necessary. New animals are shy under strong light but get used to it if they have hiding places. The light is first and foremost for your benefit and for any plants.
VOEDING	The species is greedy and eats worms, crustaceans, pieces of fish, soft insects and lean meat. Good staples are large earthworms, frozen bloodworms, tubifex and sinking pellets for trout and salmon.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The species stays mostly on the bottom and is calm and curious. It is not social, and an animal does not benefit from company; keeping several together is for the keeper's convenience and for breeding.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mexico.