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Mojave Desert Tortoise

Gopherus agassizii

Gopherus agassizii is a large, high-domed tortoise from the Mojave Desert in the south-western USA. It digs deep burrows and spends most of the year underground, sheltered from the heat and cold of the desert. The shell length is 25-35 cm. The species needs a large, sunny outdoor enclosure with dry, diggable soil and a long winter dormancy.

Familie: Testudinidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**25-35 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**3.500-7.000 g**
Levensduur	**50-80 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**240 × 120 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-36 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**5-12 °C** 12-20 weken
Voeding	**Planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**120-240 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**2-12 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**80-135 dagen** bij 27-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little has been published about keeping *Gopherus agassizii* outside its range. The care advice rests on the habitat and on care guidelines for the species from its home country.
TEMPERATUUR	By day the temperature should be 24-30 °C, with a basking spot of 32-36 °C under a heat lamp, measured on the substrate. At night 18-22 °C is suitable, and the heat is switched off.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The species belongs to a dry climate, and the relative humidity should be 30-50%. Keep the substrate mostly dry, but make a slightly more humid spot under a hide or in an artificial burrow where the animal can rest.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and basks a lot. Sunlight is best, and the animal should be out in the sun as often as the weather allows; artificial light cannot replace one to two hours of sunlight a day.
VOEDING	*G. agassizii* is a herbivore, and grazing is the foundation.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The species is calm and busies itself with digging, eating and basking. It uses many burrows and hides and should have at least one dry hide at each end of the enclosure.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Verenigde Staten.