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SKINKEN

King's Skink

Egernia kingii

A large, heavy and almost black skink from the south-west coast of Australia. *Egernia kingii* is omnivorous, gives birth to live young and lives a long time. Little documented knowledge exists on its care in the terrarium, so this guide is based on the species in the wild and on its close relatives *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*.

Familie: Scincidae Vroegere naam: *Tiliqua kingii*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**55 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**220-360 g**
Levensduur	**20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**150 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**25-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-45 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**14-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**36-60 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**2-8 jongen**
Draagtijd	**140-154 dagen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage III**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage C**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little documented knowledge exists on the care of *Egernia kingii*.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the air should be 25-32 °C with a clear gradient from the cool to the warm end. Under a halogen spot lies a large, flat stone whose surface should reach 38-45 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be 40-60%. Mist the enclosure lightly a couple of times a week, and keep the substrate slightly damp under one hide at the cool end, so the animal can choose. A large dish of fresh water should always be available.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Egernia kingii is diurnal and needs UVB for as long as the light is on. A UVB tube in a reflector over the basking spot, covering about half the length of the enclosure, gives Ferguson zone 3.

VOEDING

Egernia kingii is omnivorous. In the wild the diet is mostly soft plant material, supplemented with insects and birds' eggs.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is a large and powerful skink. The animals' social life is not documented in the same way as in *Egernia stokesii* and *Egernia cunninghami*, which live in family groups.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Australië.