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SKINKEN

Giant Blue-tongued Skink

Tiliqua gigas

A large, tropical skink from New Guinea and the Moluccas with a broad blue tongue and a calm, diurnal life on the forest floor. *Tiliqua gigas* needs more humidity than its Australian relatives, a large enclosure and UVB. Many animals in the trade are wild-caught and find it hard to get used to handling.

Familie: Scincidae Vroegere naam: *Scincus gigas*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**45-60 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**180 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-33 °C**
Zonneplek	**37-40 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**21-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, planten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-36 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**5-15 jongen**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Draagtijd	**90-120 dagen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult animal needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height), corresponding to just over 1 m² of floor area. Larger is better, and floor area matters more than height.

TEMPERATUUR

The animal must be able to choose between 24-29 °C at the cool end and 28-33 °C at the warm end. The surface of the basking spot must be 37-40 °C. At night the temperature must be 21-24 °C and not fall much below 21 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity must be 60-80 %, higher than for the Australian species. Measure it at the cool end, and aim for the upper part of the range.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and needs UVB and strong light. Use a T5 tube with UVB, and position it so that the UV index at the basking spot is about 3-4 (Ferguson zone 3).

VOEDING

Tiliqua gigas is omnivorous. The staple is a varied mixture of animal protein, greens and a little fruit. Juveniles need 70-80 % protein, adults about 50-60 %. Adults need 40-50 % vegetables and leaves, and fruit at most 10 %.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Wild-caught *Tiliqua gigas* are stressed, defensive and at times aggressive, and some never become fully tame. Captive-bred animals are far calmer, and the Merauke form is generally calmer than the others.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Indonesië en Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea.