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SKINKEN

Giant Spiny Skink

Tribolonotus ponceleti

Tribolonotus ponceleti is a rare, secretive skink from the islands of the Solomon archipelago and the largest species in its genus. It has keeled, spiny scales and an angular, armoured head, lives on the forest floor and burrows, and it can make sounds. Its care is based on the climate and on the close relatives *Tribolonotus gracilis* and *Tribolonotus novaeguineae*.

Familie: Scincidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**11-13 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**10 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**75 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**27-28 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**22-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-90%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1 eieren**
Incubatie	**65-85 dagen** bij 23-27 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Onvoldoende gegevens (DD)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Very little is known about the care of *Tribolonotus ponceleti*. The climate in the range is warm and humid all year, and the species lives in the leaf litter of the forest floor.

TEMPERATUUR

Keep the terrarium at 24-27 °C at the cool end and 27-28 °C in a warm hide, and let the temperature fall to 22-24 °C at night. The skink is active at dusk and at night and hardly basks, but warms itself in hiding.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity should be 70-80 % by day and higher at night, preferably 80-90 %, and the substrate must always be damp. The species probably tolerates drying out very badly, like its close relatives.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The animal is active at dusk and at night, and its need for UVB is not documented.

VOEDING

In the wild the species eats arthropods. The staple diet can be crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, black soldier fly larvae, earthworms and snails. Variety is important, and earthworms usually bring a hidden animal out.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Tribolonotus ponceleti is an animal to watch and not for handling. Skinks in the genus play dead, try to flee, drop their tails or make sounds when seized, and this stresses them. Give a new animal at least two weeks in peace.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Salomonseilanden en Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea.