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AGAMÍDEOS

Thorny Devil

Moloch horridus

Moloch horridus is a small desert agama from inland Australia, covered in cone-shaped spines from snout to tail tip. It feeds almost exclusively on ants, drinks by drawing moisture up through its skin and walks with a characteristic rocking gait. The species is so specialised that it is almost never kept, and little is known about its care.

Família: Agamidae Nome anterior: *Acanthosaurus gibbosus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-21 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**30-90 g**
Longevidade	**6-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**25-35 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-45 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**15-20 °C**
Umidade	**10-30%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**3-10 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**90-132 dias** a 27-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Moloch horridus*, and the species is not suited to private keeping. The reason is its food: the animal eats almost exclusively ants and needs large quantities every day.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 25-35 °C with a basking spot of 38-45 °C, measured as surface temperature with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Air humidity should be low, 10-30 %, but the animal must be able to take in moisture through its skin.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Moloch horridus* is diurnal and lives in full sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3, for example a T5 HO tube of 10-12 %.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Moloch horridus* eats almost exclusively ants, especially of the genera *Iridomyrmex* and *Crematogaster*.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Moloch horridus* is calm, slow and not aggressive. It walks with a characteristic jerky gait, rocking from side to side and often standing completely still in mid-step with one foot raised.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.