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AGAMÍDEOS

Chinese Water Dragon

Physignathus cocincinus

Physignathus cocincinus is a large, green, semi-aquatic agamid from wooded streams in South-East Asia. It grows to about 90 cm, of which more than two thirds is tail. The species is diurnal, climbs and dives, and needs a very large, tall and humid enclosure with a deep water section, strong UVB and a warm basking spot. A large share of the animals in the trade are wild-caught.

Família: Agamidae Nome anterior: *Dilophyrus mentager*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**70-90 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**250-600 g**
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e semiaquático**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 90 × 180 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**25-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**35-40 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-24 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
Água	**Área aquática** profundidade 15-30 cm
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, plantas e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**5-18 ovos**
Incubação	**60-75 dias** a 29-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Vulnerável (VU)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	A single adult needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 180 cm (length × width × height). The species is large and active, climbs and swims, and in a smaller enclosure it becomes stressed and injures itself.
TEMPERATURA	The basking spot must be 35-40 °C, measured with a digital thermometer on the branch itself. Juveniles need a basking spot at the low end of the range. The air in the cool end must be 25-28 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 60-80 %, highest in the morning (about 75-80 %) and lower in the evening (about 50-60 %). This is achieved with 1-2 daily mistings or an automatic rain system, a damp substrate and a large water section.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The water section must be large enough for the animal to dive and swim: at least 15 cm deep, preferably more, and it should cover a third to a half of the floor.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3. Use a T5 HO tube with 10-12 % UVB in a reflective fitting on the same side as the heat lamps.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Physignathus cocincinus* is omnivorous, but lives mostly on insects. Young animals eat almost only insects, and plants are added with age. Hatchlings under 3 months: small crickets every day.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Physignathus cocincinus* is shy and sensitive to stress, especially wild-caught animals. Let a new animal settle in without handling, and then begin feeding from tweezers so the animal comes to you.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	China, Vietnã, Laos, Camboja e Tailândia.