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ESCINCÍDEOS

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.

Família: Scincidae Nome anterior: *Scincus gigas*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**45-60 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-33 °C**
Ponto quente	**37-40 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-24 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas, plantas e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-36 meses**
Tamanho da ninhada	**5-15 filhotes**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Gestação	**90-120 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	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.
TEMPERATURA	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.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	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.
ILUMINAÇÃO E 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).
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*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 %.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	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.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Indonésia e Papua-Nova Guiné.