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IGUANAS

Lesser Antillean Iguana

Iguana delicatissima

Iguana delicatissima is a large, herbivorous iguana from the northern Lesser Antilles that grows up to 130 cm long. It is critically endangered in the wild and is kept and bred only in a few zoos and by a few private keepers. It needs a very large, tall enclosure with strong heat, UVB, a seasonal rhythm and a permanent nesting site.

Família: Iguanidae Nome anterior: *Iguana nudicollis*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**80-130 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-32 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta seca, floresta tropical e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**200 × 150 × 180 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-34 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-45 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-28 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Plantas**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**24-36 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**4-26 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**83-97 dias** a 29-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Em perigo crítico (CR)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult needs at least 3 m² of floor space, and a pair at least 4 m², for example 200 × 150 cm for one animal.
TEMPERATURA	The basking spot should be 38-45 °C all year, and the heat should cover an area larger than the largest animal, so that the whole body is warmed evenly.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be high all year, around 60-80 %. Mist the enclosure every morning and in summer also in the evening, more heavily in the wet season than in the dry. In large rooms a humidifier helps.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Provide a bowl of clean water, changed daily. The species swims well but seldom enters the water of its own accord in captivity, so a pond is not necessary. It can, however, help keep humidity up.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Iguana delicatissima* is diurnal and needs very strong light and UVB. The basking spot should have a UV index of 5-6 for adults and 3-4 for juveniles, and there should be a gradient down to zero in the low, shaded parts.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Iguana delicatissima* is herbivorous. The basic diet is a mixture of as many kinds of dark green leaves and herbs as possible all year: dandelion, plantain, clover, alfalfa, thistles, ground elder, nettles and short-cut grass.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is calm, and aggressive clashes are rare, but it is more sensitive to stress than *Iguana iguana*. Persistent stress can stop breeding and in the worst case kill a female.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Anguila, São Martinho, Sint Maarten, São Bartolomeu, Países Baixos Caribenhos, São Cristóvão e Névis, Antígua e Barbuda, Guadalupe, Dominica e Martinica.