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Desert horned lizard

Phrynosoma platyrhinos

Phrynosoma platyrhinos is a broad, flattened horned lizard from the deserts of the western USA and north-western Mexico. It reaches 7-10 cm from snout to vent, is diurnal and burrows into loose sand. It feeds mostly on ants, and it is precisely this diet that makes it one of the most difficult lizards to keep in an enclosure. There is little knowledge of how it should be cared for.

Família: Phrynosomatidae Nome anterior: *Anota calidiarum; Doliosaurus platyrhinos*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**7-10 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**7-9 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**100 × 50 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**27-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**20-40%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**2-16 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**40-61 dias** a 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	There is little knowledge about the care of *Phrynosoma platyrhinos*. Care is therefore based on the habitat: open, hot sandy flats, loose substrate, strong sun and a diet of ants.
TEMPERATURA	The species is a sun lover and needs a basking spot where the surface reaches 38-42 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be low, 20-40%, and the enclosure should dry out completely during the day. The substrate must not be wet. The species hardly ever drinks from a dish, but licks droplets from stones and plants.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and spends the day in open sunlight, so it needs strong light and UVB all year. Use a UVB tube (Ferguson zone 3, T5 HO 10-14%) or a combined UVB metal halide lamp over the basking spot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	Food is the decisive limitation. In the wild, ants make up roughly half to four fifths of the diet, and the species eats large quantities. The rest is beetles, crickets, grasshoppers and flies.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Phrynosoma platyrhinos* is calm and lives alone. It does not make much fuss and is easy to overlook, because it blends into the ground. It moves in short bursts and stops again.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Estados Unidos e México.