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LACERTÍDEOS

Argentine Black and White Tegu

Salvator merianae

Salvator merianae is the largest of the tegus: a powerful, intelligent, diurnal lizard from eastern and central South America with black and white bands. Males reach up to 150 cm and weigh several kilos. The species needs a purpose-built enclosure of at least 300 × 150 × 150 cm, a deep, humid digging substrate, strong heat and UVB, and it lives for 15-20 years. In the wild it spends 4-6 months of the year in brumation.

Família: Teiidae Nome anterior: *Tupinambis merianae*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**80-150 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**2.500-8.000 g**
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Savana, floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**300 × 150 × 150 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-35 °C**
Ponto quente	**52-57 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-23 °C**
Umidade	**70-80%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**15-20 °C** 17-22 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas, plantas, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**24-36 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**18-25 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**40-75 dias** a 29-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult male needs an enclosure of at least 300 × 150 × 150 cm (length × width × height), and an adult female at least 240 × 120 × 120 cm. Enclosures this large must be built or ordered specially. Bigger is better.
TEMPERATURA	*Salvator merianae* needs a clear gradient. The basking spot has a surface temperature of 52-57 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The warm side of the enclosure is 32-35 °C and the cool side 24-29 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The humidity in the enclosure should be 70-80 %. Keep it up by watering the substrate until it is evenly damp but not muddy, and repeat this weekly, and by misting daily. Several short mistings work better than one long one.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Salvator merianae* is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB for 12-14 hours a day.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Salvator merianae* is omnivorous and needs a varied diet. An adult gets about 60 % animal food, 30 % vegetables and 10 % fruit.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Salvator merianae* is intelligent and curious and can learn to respond to its name, solve small tasks to reach food and follow simple commands.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Brasil, Uruguai, Paraguai, Bolívia e Argentina.