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LACERTÍDEOS

Gold Tegu

Tupinambis teguixin

Tupinambis teguixin is a large, powerful, diurnal tegu from the Amazon and the Guiana Shield, black with golden to yellowish bands. It reaches 60-120 cm, eats mostly animal food and is often defensive and hard to tame. It needs a very large, warm and humid enclosure, UVB and an experienced keeper who can handle a strong animal for 10-15 years.

Família: Teiidae Nome anterior: *Tupinambis nigropunctatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**60-120 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Savana, floresta tropical e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-35 °C**
Ponto quente	**40-55 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**70-85%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**4-32 ovos**
Incubação	**150-180 dias** a 28-32 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the husbandry of *Tupinambis teguixin* in the narrow sense, and captive breeding is rare.
TEMPERATURA	The basking spot should have a surface temperature of 40-55 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The warm end of the enclosure is 32-35 °C and the cool end 24-29 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 70-85 %. That is higher than for most lizards and corresponds to a tropical forest. Keep the substrate moist but not wet, mist once or twice a day, or use a fogger.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Tupinambis teguixin* is diurnal and basks for several hours a day, so it needs strong light and UVB 12 hours a day. Tegus belong to Ferguson zone 3. Use a T5 HO tube of 10-12 % in a fixture with a reflector over the basking spot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Tupinambis teguixin* is omnivorous but lives mostly on animal food: about 90 % animal food and 10 % fruit and vegetables.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Tupinambis teguixin* is strong, fast and defensive. Wild-caught animals are stressed and hard to tame, and they bite, lash with the tail and scratch if they feel threatened. A bite from an adult tegu can cause deep wounds.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Guiana, Suriname, Guiana Francesa, Brasil, Colômbia, Equador, Peru e Bolívia.