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SALAMANDRAS E TRITÕES

Axolotl

Ambystoma mexicanum

Ambystoma mexicanum is a large, fully aquatic salamander that never leaves the larval stage: it keeps its external gills, the fin along its tail and a broad, smiling head throughout its life, yet still becomes sexually mature. In the wild the species is critically endangered, but in the aquarium it is hardy and calm as long as the water is kept cold and clean.

Família: Ambystomatidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**20-30 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Aquático**
Habitat	**Área úmida**
Toxinas na pele	**Nenhuma conhecida**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 30 × 35 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**16-20 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**14-18 °C**
Umidade	**100%**
Água	**Aquaterrário** profundidade 20-35 cm
Temperatura da água	**16-20 °C**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Ração completa e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Permanece na forma larval por toda a vida (neotenia)**
Local de postura	**Na água**
Maturidade sexual	**6-18 meses**
Ovos por temporada	**100-1.000**
Eclosão	**14 dias** a 24 °C
Alimentação das larvas	**Outros larvas e pequenos invertebrados aquáticos (dáfnias, larvas de mosquito)**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	*A. mexicanum* is kept in an aquarium without a land area, because the animal never leaves the water. One adult needs an aquarium of at least 50 × 25 × 25 cm, and two adults at least 60 × 30 × 35 cm.
TEMPERATURA	The water temperature should be 16-20 °C, ideally 16-18 °C, and at night it may fall to 14 °C.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	Air humidity is irrelevant, because the animal never leaves the water, and misting is not relevant. Under the aquarium lid the air above the water is saturated with moisture, which is why the box says 100 %.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The aquarium filter must be cycled for several weeks before the animal goes in. Use ordinary tap water treated with a water conditioner against chlorine, chloramine and heavy metals; chlorine is harmful to the species.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*A. mexicanum* does not need light, and UVB is not necessary. New animals are shy under strong light but get used to it if they have hiding places. The light is first and foremost for your benefit and for any plants.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species is greedy and eats worms, crustaceans, pieces of fish, soft insects and lean meat. Good staples are large earthworms, frozen bloodworms, tubifex and sinking pellets for trout and salmon.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species stays mostly on the bottom and is calm and curious. It is not social, and an animal does not benefit from company; keeping several together is for the keeper's convenience and for breeding.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	México.