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SAPOS E RÃS

Budgett's Frog

Lepidobatrachus laevis

Lepidobatrachus laevis is a broad, flat aquatic frog from the Gran Chaco in South America with a mouth that fills almost the whole head. It lies in ambush in shallow water with only the eyes and nostrils above the surface and swallows anything it can overpower. The species reaches 8-15 cm, must live alone and bites hard enough to draw blood, so it is an animal to look at, not to pick up.

Família: Ceratophryidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**8-15 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-20 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Escavador e semiaquático**
Habitat	**Savana, floresta seca e área úmida**
Toxinas na pele	**Nenhuma conhecida**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 30 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-23 °C**
Umidade	**60-70%**
Água	**Aquaterrário** profundidade 5-23 cm
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Insetos, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Girinos na água**
Local de postura	**Na água**
Maturidade sexual	**12 meses**
Ovos por postura	**1.400**
Fase larval	**14 dias** da eclosão até a metamorfose
Alimentação das larvas	**Outros girinos**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Despite its size the species does not require a large enclosure. An adult manages in an aquarium of about 60 × 30 × 40 cm, and a young frog of 4-6 cm in about 30 × 25 × 25 cm.
TEMPERATURA	By day, water and air are kept at 24-28 °C and at night at 20-23 °C. In cold water the frog eats poorly and falls ill more easily, so a thermostat-controlled aquarium heater is necessary in most living rooms.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	Humidity is kept at 60-70 %, and the large water surface manages that almost by itself. More important is good ventilation, because stagnant, humid air quickly causes bacterial skin infections.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The water is the frog's home, and water quality is the most important thing in the whole care. Young animals need 5-8 cm of water, adults 15-23 cm, or about three times the frog's body height.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is not necessary for *Lepidobatrachus laevis*. Light is not strictly necessary either, but an ordinary aquarium tube for 12 hours a day gives a clear daily rhythm and keeps the plants alive.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Lepidobatrachus laevis* is a predator and eats anything it can overpower. The staple diet is earthworms, crickets, locusts, cockroaches and wax moth larvae, preferably varied with shelled snails.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Lepidobatrachus laevis* is a loner that lies still for hours and then strikes. It is most active at night. The males call with a loud, croaking sound from a spot where they can sit with their head just above the water.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Argentina, Bolívia e Paraguai.