

Australian Water Dragon

Physignatus lesueurii

Cites status

not protected

Habitat

eastern australia

near bodies of water, prefers woodlands as well as rock territories and mangroves, civilisation follower

Size

70-100 cm

Life Expectancy

over 20 years

Reproduction

lays 6-20 eggs. Incubation period at 28-30°C about 70-90 days.

Temperature

air temperature between 26-28°C, local heat spots up to 40°C. Night setback to 20-23°C.

Humidity

55-80% at day, more than 95% at night

Lighting

Daylight fluorescent tubes, if necessary UV tubes (see Fluorescent Lighting). For sufficient UV radiation we recommend UV Lamps or the Arcadia D3 Compact. Incandescent Lighting for the creation of local heat spots. Species needs a strong illumination. If necessary the use of HQI lamps or T5 fluorescent tubes is recommended.

Substrate

loose, absorptive substrate (see cage substrate).

Cage Furniture

climbing facilities, additionally a background is recommended. Planting is required (Ficus benjamina, F. pumila, Scindapsus, etc.). Various hiding places and a large water tank with a waterfall or similar (possibly even an aquaterrarium) make up the basic configuration of the terrarium.

food

Insects (e.g. crickets, house crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, super mealworms, wax moths, etc.) also products from the Zoo Med Can o' Series, occasionally some mice. Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

