

## Black Iguana

Ctenosaura similis

### Cites status

not protected

### Habitat

From Mexico to Panama

dry forests, day active tree dweller

### Size

approx. 100 cm

### Life Expectancy

over 20 years

### Reproduction

is able to lay over 80 soft-shelled eggs. Incubation period at 29°C about 80-100 days.

### Temperature

air temperature between 25-28°C, local heat spots (e.g. on climbing branches) up to 45°C. Night setback to 20-25°C.

### Humidity

approx. 50-70%(at day) and 80-90%(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) also Reptile Cannabis Bedding.

### Cage Furniture

horizontally installed robust and gnarled branches should not be missing in the terrarium. A large water bowl, which maybe heated, and large cork tubes or panels as a facility for retreat.

### food

nourishment is made up of leaves (dandelion, ribwort, clover, lucerne, cress, seedlings and various scions), carrots, paprika, zucchini or tomatoes (hacked and rasped), insects, (crickets, house crickets, smaller grasshoppers, cockroaches, super mealworms, wax moths, earhtworms, etc.) and freshly born mice. Iguana Food and products from the Zoo Med Can o' series has been proven to be effective as well. Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

### Comments

As a rule sexually mature males are irreconcilable among each other. It is possible to tend the Spiny Tail Iguana together with other large lizards which have the same climatic requirements (e.g. Green Iguana - Iguana iguana).

