

Chuckwalla

Sauromalus obesus

Cites status

not protected

Habitat

Southwestern Nevada, southern Nevada and southeastern California to Mexico (Baja California, Sonora)

dry and rocky areas on the edges of deserts. Sandy areas are shunned

Size

up to approx. 40 cm

Life Expectancy

> 15 years

Reproduction

approx. 7 eggs, incubation period at 31°C approx. 70 days.

Temperature

air temperature between 30-38°C, local heat spots up to 45-50°C. Night setback to room temperature.

Humidity

30-50%

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

loamy earth with rock structures or Sand or grit. Also Reptile Cannabis Bedding.

Cage Furniture

hiding places, stones and roots also climbing facilities and a flat water bowl. Cage substrate should always be slightly wet in one spot.

food

Nutrition consists mainly of leaves and flowers (dandelion, ribwort, clover, lucerne, cress, various germ buds and sprouts etc.) but also carrots, paprika, zucchini or tomatoes (hackled and rasped). Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

Comments

males are irrenconcilable amongst each other.

