

## Desert Iguana

Dipsosaurus dorsalis

### Cites status

not protected

### Habitat

Nevada, Western Arizona and South California to South Mexico

arid to semi arid and rocky areas with bushes.

### Size

up to approx. 40 cm

### Life Expectancy

> 15 years

### Reproduction

up to 8 eggs, incubation period at 25-33°C approx. 45-85 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. Insects should be offered occasionally

### Comments

males are irrenconcilable amongst each other.

