

Green Iguana

Iguana Iguana

Cites status

Cites Appendix II, obligation to keep records registration is unnecessary!

Habitat

Middle- and Southamerica

tropical forests, often near bodies of water, diurnal

Size

over 130 cm, maximum 200 cm

Life Expectancy

over 20 years

Reproduction

lays 30-45 eggs on average into long and self-burrowed tunnels. Incubation period at 29°C about 70-90 days.

Temperature

air temperature between 25-28°C. The preferred temperature is at 35-37°C, in order to achieve this Spot lamps will be installed in such a way that certain areas (e.g. climbing branches) have up to 45°C.

Humidity

approx. 60-80% (at day) and 80-95% (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.

Substrate

loose, absorptive substrate (see cage substrate).

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.

Terrarium Size

Minimum requirement: 5x4x3 (LxWxH) of the snout-vent length for one pair. A terrarium of at least 250x150x200 (LxWxH) is recommended.

food

nourishment consists to 80% of leaves (dandelion, ribwort, clover, lucerne, cress, seedlings and various scions) but also carrots, paprika, zucchini or tomatoes (hacked and rasped). Iguana Food 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 green iguana together with other large lizards which have the same climatic requirements (e.g. Spiny Tail Iguana - *Ctenosaura similis*).

