



Uromastyx *Uromastyx maliensis*

Description: There are 19 different types of Uromastyx. They are known as spiny tailed lizards for the sharp spikes on their tail. Their name, Uromastyx, actually means "club tail". They are a small lizard and have many different colorations and patterns. Their flat body helps them climb into small areas and they can inflate themselves to wedge into crevices.

Range: Middle East region and northeastern Africa.

Habitat: Arid climates, sand, and rocky regions.

Life Span: 8-10 years in captivity.

Natural Diet: Succulents, fruits, vegetables, and grasses.

Zoo Diet: Chopped vegetables, fruit, and greens.



Behavior: Most of the time they are either basking or hiding. They will soak up sun from the top of a warm rock.

Reproduction: The older the female, the more eggs she tends to lay. Clutch sizes range from 5-40 eggs. They are buried in the sand and hatch after an incubation period of 70-80 days.

Conservation: Has not been assessed by the IUCN.

