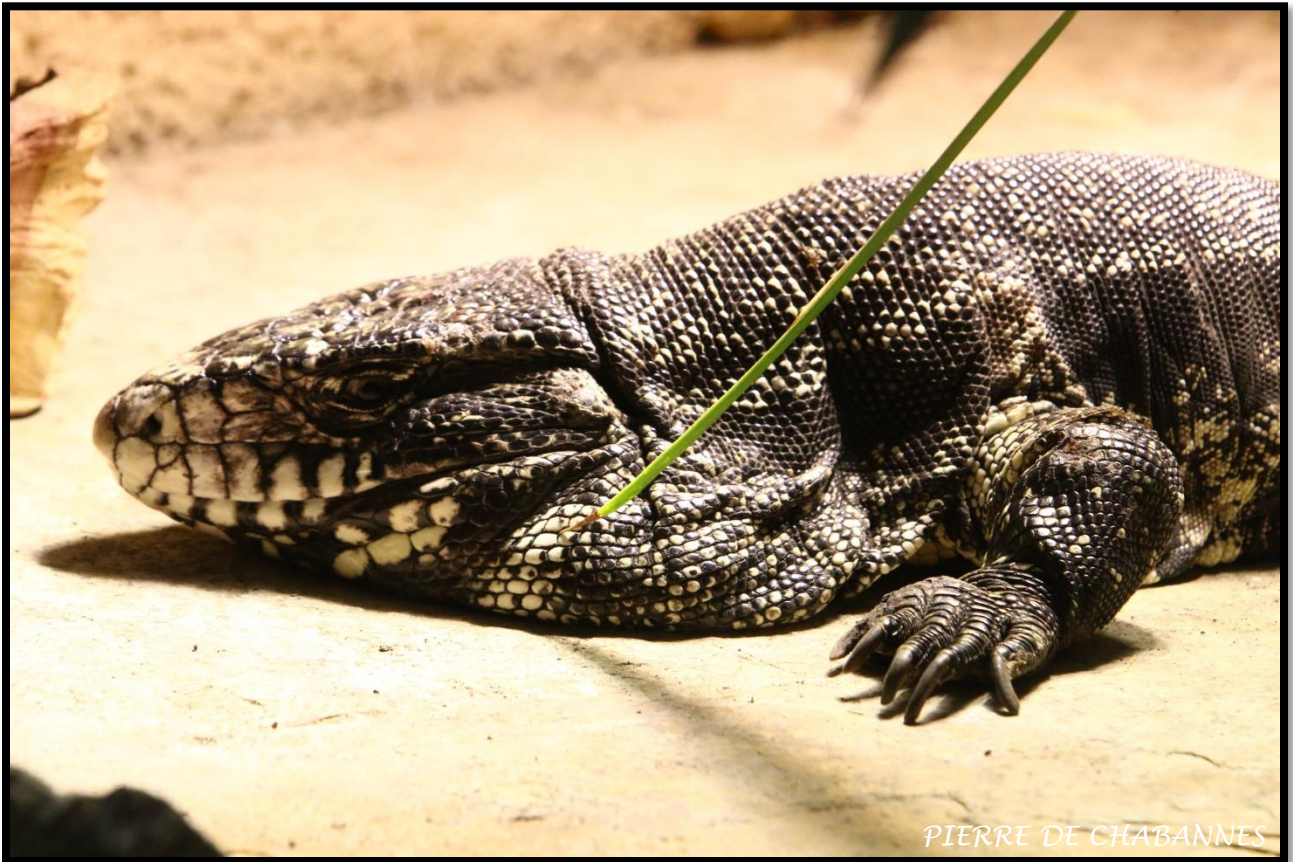


# GOLDEN TEGU

*Tupinambis teguixin*

Linnaeus, 1758



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## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Reptilia

**Order:** Squamata

**Family:** Teiidae

No recognized subspecies



APPENDIX II

COMMON



## NOT LISTED

**Identification:** It can reach a length of about 1.20 m although most specimens are smaller. Triangular head, thick tail and powerful limbs. Coloration mostly golden-yellow to yellowish-brown with transversal black bands and spots on its body.

**Range:** The species occurs from Panama to Peru, Bolivia and most of the northern half of Brazil.

**Habitat :** Mostly found in tropical forests and woodlands.

**Behavior:** The species feeds on insects, small mammals, reptiles, birds and occasionally takes fruits.

**Status in the wild:** This species isn't listed by IUCN Red List so far and seems to be fairly common over its wide range.

**In captivity:** The species is commonly seen in captivity and can be found in nearly 30 European zoos. It's also common in American zoo and rarer in Asia and elsewhere. Not often bred. Fairly rarely kept in private collections.