

Cuban and Rhino Iguana Egg Laying

I.S. Member, Bo Staten, in Casper, Wyoming reports three captive born *Cyclura* laying eggs at the very young age of one year, 10 months.

All eggs were infertile, but fully formed. On 8 August, 1997 one Cuban iguana, *Cyclura nubila*, was observed laying an egg at 5:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter an egg was found in the nest box of another *C. nubila* that was laid several days earlier. On 21 August, 1997 a rhinoceros iguana, *Cyclura cornuta*, laid an egg at 6:45 a.m.

The *Cyclura nubila* were both about 55 cm (22.75 in.) total length. The *Cyclura cornuta* is 58 cm (23.5 in.) total length. All animals were fed a 100% vegetable diet throughout their lives, heavy on leafy greens and fed daily. Crushed Tums[®] were added twice weekly for calcium supplement. The iguanas are kept under timed UV lights to simulate sunlight. Enclosures are 8' x 8' x 4' high.



Above: Captive born rhinoceros iguanas, *Cyclura cornuta*, in enclosure.

Left: Egg from one-year, 10 month old, Cuban iguana, *Cyclura nubila*.

Below: Robust juvenile in it's captive habitat in Wyoming.

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