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## Pegu bent-toed gecko

# *Cyrtodactylus peguensis*

A nocturnal gecko from Myanmar, Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia, known from the forests near Pegu. There is little reliable care information about the species, so the guide is based on experience with other species of the genus and is a cautious starting point.

Family: Gekkonidae  Former name: *Gymnodactylus peguensis*

KEY FACTS

### THE ANIMAL

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| Adult size | **7 cm** snout-vent length |
| Lifespan | **8-10 years** |
| Active | **At night** |
| Lifestyle | **Arboreal and terrestrial** |
| Habitat | **Rainforest** |
| Difficulty | **Intermediate** |

### CARE

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| Min. enclosure | **60 × 40 × 60 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult |
| Temperature, day | **23-27 °C** |
| Temperature, night | **20-23 °C** |
| Humidity | **60-90%** |
| Water | **Water dish** |
| UVB | **Optional** |
| Diet | **Insects** |
| Kept | **Singly or in pairs** |

### BREEDING

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| Reproduction | **Egg-laying** |
| Clutch size | **1-2 eggs** |
| Incubation | **90-150 days** at 22-25 °C |

### PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

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| CITES | **Not listed** |
| EU annex | **Not listed** |
| IUCN | **Least Concern (LC)** |

## Care at a glance

**THE ENCLOSURE**
The husbandry of *Cyrtodactylus peguensis* is not described, so this guide is based on related species in the genus and on the requirements of nocturnal, climbing geckos from humid regions.

**TEMPERATURE**
By day the temperature should be 23-27 °C and at night 20-23 °C, as for related species from humid forest. A warm basking spot is not documented as a need, and the species is not known to bask.

**HUMIDITY AND WATER**
*Cyrtodactylus peguensis* is probably dependent on high humidity. Keep it at 60-90 %, highest at night. Mist the enclosure at least once daily, and let the surface dry out slightly in between, so that mould does not develop.

**LIGHTING AND UVB**
*Cyrtodactylus peguensis* is nocturnal and does well with weak lighting. UVB is not necessary, but a weak UVB light is an advantage.

**FEEDING**
*Cyrtodactylus peguensis* is an insectivore. Give crickets, dubia roaches and similar insects that are smaller than the distance between the animal's eyes.

**BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING**
The genus has a reputation for being shy and fast, with thin, delicate skin that tears easily. If grabbed, it can bite. Handling is therefore discouraged, and an animal should always be given time to settle in after being moved.

**NATIVE RANGE**
Myanmar (Burma), Thailand and Malaysia.