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CAMALEONES

African Chameleon

Chamaeleo africanus

Chamaeleo africanus is an arboreal chameleon from the dry savanna of the Sahel and along the Nile, from Mauritania to Sudan and Upper Egypt. It is often green with many black spots, has no lobes at the back of the head and reaches 23-46 cm in length. The species is rarely kept, and its care draws on its climate and on better-known species of the genus. It must live alone in a tall mesh enclosure with UVB.

Familia: Chamaeleonidae Nombre anterior: *Chamaeleo aegyptius; Chamaeleo calcaratus; Chamaeleo candidus; Chamaeleo mexicanus; Chamaeleo basiliscus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**23-46 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**4-8 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola**
Hábitat	**Sabana y humedal**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**25-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**40-60 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**20-70 huevos**
Incubación	**90 días** a 28 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo africanus*, and the species is rarely kept.

TEMPERATURA

Chamaeleo africanus needs 25-30 °C by day and a basking spot at 32-35 °C. At night the temperature should fall to 18-22 °C. The figures are borrowed from *Chamaeleo dilepis* and suit a warm savanna climate.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity for *Chamaeleo africanus* should be around 40-60%. The figure is an estimate for dry savanna and is slightly below that for *Chamaeleo dilepis*.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Chamaeleo africanus is diurnal and needs full-spectrum light and UVB for 12-14 hours a day. The UVB source should be no more than about 30 cm from the animal.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Chamaeleo africanus is an insectivore and needs live insects such as crickets, cockroaches and silkworms. The insects should be well fed on a calcium-rich diet and dusted with a mineral and vitamin supplement before being given.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Chamaeleo africanus should preferably not be handled. The animal must live alone, and the enclosure should have many hiding places in the foliage.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Mauritania, Mali, Níger, Nigeria, Benín, Camerún, República Centroafricana, Sudán, Sudán del Sur y Egipto.