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CAMALEONES

## Common Chameleon

# *Chamaeleo chamaeleon*

*Chamaeleo chamaeleon* is a medium-sized, tree-dwelling chameleon from the Mediterranean coast and the Middle East. It is the only chameleon that lives naturally in Europe. It is green to olive-brown with two pale longitudinal bands along the sides. The species is short-lived, and little is known about keeping it in captivity. It needs a tall mesh enclosure with UVB and low night temperatures and must live alone.

Familia: Chamaeleonidae  Nombre anterior: *Chamaeleo parisiensium; Chamaeleo saharicus*

DATOS CLAVE

### EL ANIMAL

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| Tamaño adulto | **20-30 cm**<br>longitud total con la cola |
| Peso | **17-56 g** |
| Esperanza de vida | **1-4 años** |
| Activo | **De día** |
| Modo de vida | **Arborícola** |
| Hábitat | **Semidesierto y sabana** |
| Dificultad | **Avanzado** |

### CUIDADOS

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| Terrario mín. | **60 × 45 × 90 cm**<br>L × An × Al para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, día | **25-30 °C** |
| Punto caliente | **32-35 °C** |
| Temperatura, noche | **15-20 °C** |
| Humedad | **40-60 %** |
| Agua | **Sin bebedero** |
| UVB | **Imprescindible**<br>Zona Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentación | **Insectos** |
| Se mantiene | **En solitario** |

### CRÍA

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| Reproducción | **Ovípara** |
| Madurez sexual | **12 meses** |
| Tamaño de la puesta | **14-50 huevos** |
| Puestas por año | **1** |
| Incubación | **240-360 días**<br>a 26 °C |

### PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

## Cuidados de un vistazo

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| **EL TERRARIO** | Little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo chamaeleon*, and it is rarely kept. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | The species comes from a climate with warm days and cool nights. During the day the temperature in the enclosure should be 25-30 °C, and on a basking branch it should be 32-35 °C. |
| **HUMEDAD Y AGUA** | Humidity should be 40-60 %, and the enclosure should dry out completely between waterings, because the species comes from a dry summer climate. |
| **ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB** | The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary, because the animal makes D3 in its skin and needs it to absorb calcium. |
| **ALIMENTACIÓN** | The species is insectivorous and needs live insects: crickets, grasshoppers, silkworms, hornworms and roaches such as *Blaptica dubia*. In the wild the diet consists of flying and crawling insects, so variety is important. |
| **COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN** | *Chamaeleo chamaeleon* is an animal to look at and not to handle. The species sits still and lies in wait for prey. Handling stresses it, and stress shows as dark colour, an open mouth and an inflated body. |
| **ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL** | Marruecos, Sáhara Occidental, Argelia, Túnez, Libia, Egipto, Israel, Territorios Palestinos, Jordania, Líbano, Siria, Irak, Turquía, Chipre, Arabia Saudí, Yemen, España, Portugal y Grecia. |