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CAMALEONES

Namaqua Chameleon

Chamaeleo namaquensis

Chamaeleo namaquensis is a stocky, ground-dwelling chameleon from the deserts of south-western Africa. It hardly climbs at all, but runs fast over sand and gravel, buries itself and hunts actively. The animals are fiercely territorial and must live alone. Very little is known about their care, and the species is one of the most difficult chameleons to keep.

Familia: Chamaeleonidae Nombre anterior: *Chamaeleo capensis; Chamaeleo tuberculiferus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**20-25 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**3-5 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Desierto y semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**25-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**35-40 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**15-20 °C**
Humedad	**30-50 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 4
Alimentación	**Insectos y plantas**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**5-7 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**6-22 huevos**
Puestas por año	**2-3**
Incubación	**90-120 días** a 25-28 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Very little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo namaquensis*, and the species is among the most difficult chameleons to keep.

TEMPERATURA

There are no documented captive figures for the species. The recommendations here are derived from the climate in the range: ground temperature in the wild is 27-35 °C, summer air up to 38 °C and summer nights about 10 °C.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be low, 30-50 %, and the substrate should be dry. This is a desert climate, where the early morning air can reach about 50 % and where the animal gets moisture from fog and dew.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is diurnal and lives in open landscape with plenty of sun, so it needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Chamaeleo namaquensis eats mostly beetles, locusts and other arthropods, in the wild also lizards and snakes and a little plant material. The animal hunts all day and is very greedy.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Chamaeleo namaquensis is bold and does not back away from other animals or objects. It rests in the hottest hours of the day and then goes hunting again.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Namibia, Sudáfrica y Angola.