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CAMALEONES

Indian Chameleon

Chamaeleo zeylanicus

Chamaeleo zeylanicus is a large, slow-moving chameleon from India, Sri Lanka and south-eastern Pakistan, the only chameleon on the Indian subcontinent. It reaches 35-40 cm in length and turns deep green with dark spots when threatening. Little is known about its care, and the species is difficult to keep in the long term. It must live alone in a tall mesh enclosure with UVB.

Familia: Chamaeleonidae Nombre anterior: *Chamaeleo coromandelicus; Chamaeleo zebra; Chamaeleo zeylonicus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**35-40 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**3-5 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola**
Hábitat	**Bosque seco**
Dificultad	**Experto**

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	**50-70 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Imprescindible** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**22-40 huevos**
Incubación	**240 días** a 22-27 °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 zeylanicus*. The species is kept only in small numbers, captive breeding has not been documented, and it is difficult to keep in the long term without a large, densely planted setup.

TEMPERATURA

By 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 50-70 %, and the enclosure should have good airflow, so branches and leaves can dry between mistings. Mist plants and branches twice a day, so there are droplets the animal can lick.

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 needs D3 to absorb calcium.

ALIMENTACIÓN

The species is an insectivore and needs live insects: crickets, locusts, silkworms, hornworms and cockroaches such as *Blaptica dubia*. Variety is important. Waxworms and mealworms are fatty and are given only occasionally.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Chamaeleo zeylanicus is an animal to look at and not to handle. It sits still in the plants, sways slowly and lies in wait for prey.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

India, Sri Lanka y Pakistán.