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CAMALEONES

Kilimanjaro Two-horned Chameleon

Kinyongia tavetana

Kinyongia tavetana is a medium-sized mountain chameleon from Kilimanjaro, Mount Meru, the Pare Mountains and the Chyulu Hills in Tanzania and Kenya. The male has two flat, leaf-shaped horns on the snout, the female only two small knobs. The species lays eggs and needs cool nights, high humidity and a densely planted enclosure. Little is known about its care, and it is best suited to the experienced keeper.

Familia: Chamaeleonidae Nombre anterior: *Chamaeleon tavetanus; Bradypodion tavetanum; Chamaeleo abbotti*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**20-24 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**5-7 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola**
Hábitat	**Bosque de montaña**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**60 × 60 × 90 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**20-25 °C**
Punto caliente	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**14-18 °C**
Humedad	**70-100 %**
Agua	**Sin bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**9-12 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**2-12 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1-2**
Incubación	**220-270 días** a 16-23 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo B**
UICN	**Casi amenazada (NT)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Kinyongia tavetana*. Care is based on the climate of the range and on the closest, better-known mountain species *Kinyongia fischeri*, *Kinyongia matschiei* and *Kinyongia tenuis*.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 20-25 °C, ideally around 25 °C, with a basking branch at 26-28 °C, and at night it should fall to 14-18 °C.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be high, 70-100 %, and highest at night and in the morning. The animal drinks droplets and should not be given a water bowl. Mist at least twice a day, or set up a drip or rain system.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is active by day and needs a bright, but not too warm enclosure. UVB is recommended, and Ferguson zone 2 is an estimate for a mountain chameleon.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Kinyongia tavetana eats insects of suitable size such as crickets, flies, small locusts and cockroaches. Feeder insects should be captive-bred and well fed on nutritious food. Juveniles are fed daily.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Kinyongia tavetana is nervous of its surroundings and is stressed by handling. Do not pick the animal up without reason, and let a new animal settle for a few weeks. Opaque sides and back give calm.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Kenia y Tanzania.