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Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi

Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi is a sturdy, nocturnal rock gecko from the arid regions of Namibia and south-western Angola, with an olive back, dark crossbands and broad adhesive lamellae under the toes. Almost nothing is known about its care, but its close relatives are widely kept and give a good picture of its needs.

Familia: Gekkonidae Nombre anterior: *Pachydactylus fitzsimonsi; Pachydactylus laevigatus fitzsimonsi; Pachydactylus laevigatus tesselatus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**7-9 cm** longitud hocico-cloaca
Esperanza de vida	**6-10 años**
Activo	**De noche**
Modo de vida	**Rupícola**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto, sabana y terreno rocoso**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**60 × 40 × 40 cm** L × An × Al para 2 adultos
Temperatura, día	**25-28 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**18-22 °C**
Humedad	**30-50 %**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentación	**Insectos**
Se mantiene	**En solitario o en pareja**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**1-2 huevos**
Incubación	**50-60 días** a 27-29 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**No incluida**
Anexo de la UE	**No incluida**
UICN	**Preocupación menor (LC)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Almost nothing is known about the care of *Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi*.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 25-28 °C, and under a spotlight a stone should be able to reach 32-35 °C, so that the animal can choose between warm and cool. At night the temperature should fall to 18-22 °C.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

The air should be dry, around 30-50 %, as in its natural range. Mist lukewarm water over part of the enclosure late in the evening so that the animal can lick the droplets, and let the substrate dry out again during the day.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is nocturnal and sleeps in the crevices by day, so it does not need strong light. Provide a 12-hour day and complete darkness at night, controlled by a timer. UVB is optional.

ALIMENTACIÓN

The animal eats live insects: crickets, cockroaches, grasshoppers and mealworms. Adults are fed 2-3 times a week, young animals more often. The insects must be no larger than the width of the head.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

The behaviour of *Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi* in captivity is not documented. Its relatives are shy, fast and unpredictable, so the species is for watching and not for handling. Keep the animals singly or in pairs.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Namibia y Angola.