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Bernhard's Mantella

Mantella bernhardi

Mantella bernhardi is the smallest frog in the genus, only 19-22 mm, with black flanks and orange undersides on the limbs. It lives in humid lowland forest in south-eastern Madagascar. The species is vulnerable in the wild, and almost nothing is known about its care, so this guide is based on the requirements of the genus: cool, humid and small arthropods.

Familia: Mantellidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**19-22 mm** longitud hocico-cloaca
Esperanza de vida	**4-8 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Selva tropical y humedal**
Toxinas cutáneas en la naturaleza	**Leves**
Toxinas cutáneas en cautividad	**Ninguna** Animales criados en cautividad. Los animales capturados en la naturaleza pueden conservar sus toxinas durante mucho tiempo
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Desarrollo	**Renacuajos en el agua**
Lugar de puesta	**En el suelo**
Madurez sexual	**12-18 meses**
Huevos por puesta	**12-30**
Eclosión	**3-12 días**
Periodo larvario	**56-112 días** desde la eclosión hasta la metamorfosis
Alimentación de las larvas	**Algas/plantas y alimento completo**
Cuidado parental	**Ninguno**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** L × An × Al para 4 adultos
Temperatura, día	**20-23 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**16-18 °C**
Humedad	**70-100 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona Ferguson 1
Alimentación	**Pequeños invertebrados (colémbolos, moscas de la fruta)**
Se mantiene	**En grupo**

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice II**
UICN	**Vulnerable (VU)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Almost nothing is known about keeping *Mantella bernhardi*, and the species is only rarely kept. Its care is therefore based on the habitat in humid lowland forest and on the requirements of the genus.

TEMPERATURA

The temperature should be 20-23 °C during the day and 16-18 °C at night. The figures are borrowed from *M. aurantiaca*.

HUMEDAD Y PULVERIZACIÓN

Humidity should be 70-100 %. Mist the enclosure daily with decalcified water, heavily in warm weather and a little less when it is cold. The substrate should be damp, but not waterlogged.

AGUA Y CALIDAD DEL AGUA

Place a shallow water dish in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. The frogs are poor swimmers, so the dish must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

UVB is not documented as necessary for the species. A weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is an option when there is shade and plants so the animals can choose, but it is optional. Light for the plants should not give off heat.

ALIMENTACIÓN

M. bernhardi is the smallest in the genus, so the food must be smaller than for the others. The genus hunts ants, mites and other small arthropods.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

M. bernhardi is diurnal. The males call from the leaf litter, and they defend territories against one another. The animals are best kept in a small group with many hiding places and plenty of space.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Madagascar.