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Blue-legged Mantella

Mantella expectata

Mantella expectata is a small, diurnal frog from the dry rocky gorges of the Isalo massif in south-western Madagascar: lemon-yellow on the back, with sky-blue legs and black flanks. It grows to 2-3 cm, feeds on ants and other small arthropods and is short-lived: in the wild it lives for three years at most. It must be kept drier and slightly warmer than most other species in the genus.

Familia: Mantellidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**2-3 cm** longitud hocico-cloaca
Esperanza de vida	**3-5 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto y terreno rocoso**
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**
Huevos por puesta	**25-30**
Eclosión	**3-12 días**
Periodo larvario	**42-56 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	**20-26 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**16-20 °C**
Humedad	**50-70 %**
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	**En peligro (EN)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Only limited knowledge exists on the care of *Mantella expectata*. The species is only occasionally bred in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the temperature should be 20-26 °C, and at night 16-20 °C. The frog tolerates more heat than most other species in the genus, and a day at 28 °C does no harm.
HUMEDAD Y PULVERIZACIÓN	The species comes from a dry area and needs lower humidity than the rainforest species. Keep it at 50-70 % day to day.
AGUA Y CALIDAD DEL AGUA	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. Mantella frogs are poor swimmers, so the bowl must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	No UVB requirement is documented for the species. It does, however, live in open, sunlit terrain, so a weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is probably an advantage, provided there is shade and cover so the animals can choose.
ALIMENTACIÓN	The frog is an eager hunter. In the wild it feeds on ants, mites and other small arthropods. In the enclosure it takes prey up to crickets 2-3 weeks old and prefers them to fruit flies.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	*Mantella expectata* is diurnal and keeps to crevices and shade during the day. The males call and defend small territories. Outside the breeding season the animals are largely peaceful towards each other.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Madagascar.