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AGAMES

Bell's Forest Dragon

Gonocephalus bellii

Gonocephalus bellii is a forest dragon with a heavy nuchal and dorsal crest, living in montane forest on the Thai and Malay peninsulas. It perches vertically on tree trunks, shifts between greyish green and brown, and drinks water droplets from leaves and bark. Little is known about its care, so this guide draws on the closely related *Gonocephalus chamaeleontinus*. The species is for experienced keepers only.

Famille: Agamidae Ancien nom: *Lophyrus bellii; Lophyrus bornensis*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**30-40 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**8-15 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole**
Habitat	**Forêt tropicale humide**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**22-26 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**28-32 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**80-95 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Insectes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**3-5 œufs**
Incubation	**70-90 jours** à 25-26 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Gonocephalus bellii*, and the species is rarely kept. The climate in its range is cool and humid because of the elevation.

TEMPÉRATURE

Gonocephalus bellii needs 22-26 °C by day. Provide a localised basking spot under a lamp at 28-32 °C where the animal can bask, and make it possible to choose a cooler spot higher or lower up.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity for *Gonocephalus bellii* should be high all year, about 80-95%. The figure is borrowed from *Gonocephalus chamaeleontinus*. An automatic misting system is the best solution.

EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU

In addition to the droplets, a large water bowl can stand in the enclosure for *Gonocephalus bellii*, shallow enough that the animal can easily climb out again.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

Gonocephalus bellii is diurnal and needs UVB light and a basking spot. The UVB tube should be a high-output one, so the animal can synthesise D3 and absorb calcium. Ferguson zone 2 is borrowed from *Gonocephalus chamaeleontinus*.

ALIMENTATION

Forest dragons eat insects, worms and snails. The diet for *Gonocephalus bellii* is not documented, so the advice is borrowed from *Gonocephalus chamaeleontinus*: earthworms, waxworms, mealworms and crickets.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Gonocephalus bellii and the other forest dragons are shy and prefer to sit perfectly still. They are animals to watch, not to pick up. Work calmly when you open the enclosure, and stick to what is necessary.

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