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AGAMES

Chameleon Forest Dragon

Gonocephalus chamaeleontinus

Gonocephalus chamaeleontinus is a slender, green forest agama with a tall crest of pointed spines along the neck and back. It lives in the rainforest of Java and Sumatra, sits vertically on the trunks and reaches 30-40 cm in length. The species needs a tall, well-ventilated glass enclosure, constantly high humidity and water droplets to drink from. Animals in the trade are usually wild-caught, so the species is only for experienced keepers.

Famille: Agamidae Ancien nom: *Agama tigrina; Iguana chamaeleontina*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**30-40 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**100-120 g**
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	**24-27 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**30-35 °C**
Température, nuit	**21-24 °C**
Hygrométrie	**80-95 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Insectes et vers/escargots**
Détention	**Seul ou un mâle avec plusieurs femelles**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**4-13 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
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

An adult needs a glass enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height). The species is arboreal, so height is important, and a tall enclosure also provides a vertical temperature gradient.

TEMPÉRATURE

By day the temperature should be 24-27 °C. Under a spot there should be a basking spot of 30-35 °C, and the animal must always be able to choose a cooler position higher or lower in the enclosure.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity should be high all year, approx. 80-95 %. The figure is an estimate and corresponds to what applies to *Gonocephalus grandis*. An automatic misting system is the best solution.

EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU

In addition to the droplets, a large water bowl should stand in the enclosure, no deeper than the animal can easily climb out of. Change the water regularly.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species needs UVB and a basking spot. Use a high-output UVB tube (T5 HO) so the animal can produce D3 and absorb calcium, which is particularly important for young animals.

ALIMENTATION

The species is an insectivore and in the wild eats snails, worms and insects. In captivity it takes earthworms, waxworms, mealworms and crickets.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

The animal is shy and prefers to sit completely still. It is suited to being watched rather than handled. Work calmly when you open the enclosure, and keep to what is necessary. The male is territorial and displays to other males.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Indonésie et Malaisie.