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CAMÉLÉONS

Namaqua Chameleon

Chamaeleo namaquensis

Chamaeleo namaquensis is a stocky, ground-dwelling chameleon from the deserts of south-western Africa. It hardly climbs at all, but runs fast over sand and gravel, buries itself and hunts actively. The animals are fiercely territorial and must live alone. Very little is known about their care, and the species is one of the most difficult chameleons to keep.

Famille: Chamaeleonidae Ancien nom: *Chamaeleo capensis; Chamaeleo tuberculiferus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**20-25 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**3-5 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Désert et semi-désert**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**25-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**35-40 °C**
Température, nuit	**15-20 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-50 %**
Eau	**Pas de gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 4
Alimentation	**Insectes et plantes**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**5-7 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**6-22 œufs**
Pontes par an	**2-3**
Incubation	**90-120 jours** à 25-28 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
Annexe UE	**Annexe B**
UICN	**Préoccupation mineure (LC)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Very little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo namaquensis*, and the species is among the most difficult chameleons to keep.
TEMPÉRATURE	There are no documented captive figures for the species. The recommendations here are derived from the climate in the range: ground temperature in the wild is 27-35 °C, summer air up to 38 °C and summer nights about 10 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be low, 30-50 %, and the substrate should be dry. This is a desert climate, where the early morning air can reach about 50 % and where the animal gets moisture from fog and dew.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and lives in open landscape with plenty of sun, so it needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary.
ALIMENTATION	*Chamaeleo namaquensis* eats mostly beetles, locusts and other arthropods, in the wild also lizards and snakes and a little plant material. The animal hunts all day and is very greedy.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*Chamaeleo namaquensis* is bold and does not back away from other animals or objects. It rests in the hottest hours of the day and then goes hunting again.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Namibie, Afrique du Sud et Angola.