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CAMÉLÉONS

Indian Chameleon

Chamaeleo zeylanicus

Chamaeleo zeylanicus is a large, slow-moving chameleon from India, Sri Lanka and south-eastern Pakistan, the only chameleon on the Indian subcontinent. It reaches 35-40 cm in length and turns deep green with dark spots when threatening. Little is known about its care, and the species is difficult to keep in the long term. It must live alone in a tall mesh enclosure with UVB.

Famille: Chamaeleonidae Ancien nom: *Chamaeleo coromandelicus; Chamaeleo zebra; Chamaeleo zeylonicus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**35-40 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**3-5 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole**
Habitat	**Forêt sèche**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**25-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-35 °C**
Température, nuit	**18-22 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-70 %**
Eau	**Pas de gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**22-40 œufs**
Incubation	**240 jours** à 22-27 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo zeylanicus*. The species is kept only in small numbers, captive breeding has not been documented, and it is difficult to keep in the long term without a large, densely planted setup.
TEMPÉRATURE	By day the temperature in the enclosure should be 25-30 °C, and on a basking branch it should be 32-35 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Humidity should be 50-70 %, and the enclosure should have good airflow, so branches and leaves can dry between mistings. Mist plants and branches twice a day, so there are droplets the animal can lick.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary, because the animal needs D3 to absorb calcium.
ALIMENTATION	The species is an insectivore and needs live insects: crickets, locusts, silkworms, hornworms and cockroaches such as *Blaptica dubia*. Variety is important. Waxworms and mealworms are fatty and are given only occasionally.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*Chamaeleo zeylanicus* is an animal to look at and not to handle. It sits still in the plants, sways slowly and lies in wait for prey.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Inde, Sri Lanka et Pakistan.