herpy

CAMÉLÉONS

Crater Highlands Side-striped Chameleon

Trioceros sternfeldi

Trioceros sternfeldi is a small, live-bearing chameleon from the high mountains of northern Tanzania, Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro. It was described as a subspecies of *Trioceros rudis*. Very little is known about its care. The species needs a cool enclosure with a clear night-time drop and high night humidity.

Famille: Chamaeleonidae Ancien nom: *Chamaeleo sternfeldi*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**15-18 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**3-5 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole**
Habitat	**Forêt de montagne**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**45 × 45 × 90 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**20-22 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**24-25 °C**
Température, nuit	**8-14 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-100 %**
UVB	**Indispensables** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Vivipare**
Taille de la portée	**2-18 petits**
Gestation	**90-160 jours**

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 *Trioceros sternfeldi*, and the species is rarely seen in captivity.
TEMPÉRATURE	The species comes from cool highland and tolerates heat poorly. By day the temperature should be 20-22 °C, with a basking spot of 24-25 °C, so the animal can warm up in the morning.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	Night is the humid time. Humidity should rise towards 100 % at night, with fog from an ultrasonic fogger for 3-4 hours late at night and early in the morning. By day it may fall to about 50-70 %.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours a day all year, from a T5 HO tube of 6500 K or a powerful LED lamp across the width of the enclosure. The enclosure must be completely dark at night. UVB is essential.
ALIMENTATION	*T. sternfeldi* eats insects: crickets, grasshoppers, flies, cockroaches and silkworms. Small montane chameleons readily take small prey, even as adults, so try different sizes. Fruit and vegetables are not necessary.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	The species is kept singly. Small montane chameleons can be mild, but they react suddenly and violently when two animals meet and can seriously injure each other. Young are separated as early as possible.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Tanzanie.