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Beautiful Mantella

Mantella pulchra

Mantella pulchra is a small, diurnal and rather shy frog from the humid forests and swamps of east-central Madagascar, brown with pale green spots and a more subdued pattern than its brightly coloured relatives. The females grow to 25 mm. It feeds on ants and other small arthropods and needs a cool, humid enclosure with many hides.

Famille: Mantellidae

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**20-25 mm** longueur museau-cloaque
Espérance de vie	**4-8 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Forêt tropicale humide et zone humide**
Toxines cutanées à l'état sauvage	**Faibles**
Toxines cutanées en captivité	**Aucune** Animaux nés en captivité. Les animaux capturés dans la nature peuvent conserver leurs toxines longtemps
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** L × l × H pour 4 adultes
Température, jour	**20-24 °C**
Température, nuit	**16-18 °C**
Hygrométrie	**70-100 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Facultatifs** Zone de Ferguson 1
Alimentation	**Petits invertébrés (collemboles, drosophiles)**
Détention	**En groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Développement	**Têtards dans l'eau**
Lieu de ponte	**Au sol**
Maturité sexuelle	**12-18 mois**
Œufs par ponte	**12-30**
Éclosion	**3-12 jours**
Durée du stade larvaire	**56-112 jours** de l'éclosion à la métamorphose
Alimentation des larves	**Algues/plantes et aliment complet**
Soins parentaux	**Aucun**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe II**
UICN	**Quasi menacée (NT)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Mantella pulchra*, and the species is rarely bred in captivity.
TEMPÉRATURE	During the day the temperature should be 20-24 °C, and at night it may fall to 16-18 °C. The species tolerates 19-25 °C without problems, but a longer period above 25 °C causes stress and disease and can kill the animals.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET BRUMISATION	Humidity should be high most of the time, 70-100 %. Mist the enclosure with dechlorinated water every day, heavily in warm weather and a little less when it is cold. The substrate should be damp, but not waterlogged.
EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. The frogs are poor swimmers, so the bowl must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	No UVB requirement is documented for the species, and the frogs manage without. A weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) can be used as an optional extra, provided there is shade and plants so the animals can choose.
ALIMENTATION	The frog is an eager hunter and can eat relatively large prey for its size. In the wild the genus feeds mostly on ants and mites.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	*Mantella pulchra* is diurnal, but rather shy and may stay hidden among leaves and plants until food appears. The males patrol their area, call from the leaf litter and may wrestle with one another.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Madagascar.