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SCINQUES

Banded Lipinia

Lipinia microcerca

Lipinia microcerca is a small, diurnal skink from Vietnam, Cambodia and southern Laos. It lives on the trunks of large trees in light forest and around villages, hunting ants and other small insects. It reaches 8-9 cm including the orange tail and is fast and shy.

Famille: Scincidae Ancien nom: *Lipinia vittigera microcerca; Lygosoma microcercum*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**8-9 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**3-5 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole**
Habitat	**Forêt tropicale humide**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**45 × 45 × 60 cm** L × l × H pour 2 adultes
Température, jour	**25-28 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-23 °C**
Hygrométrie	**60-80 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Insectes et petits invertébrés (collemboles, drosophiles)**
Détention	**En couple ou en groupe**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**12 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**2-4 œufs**
Incubation	**50-70 jours** à 23-25 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Non inscrite**
Annexe UE	**Non inscrite**
UICN	**Non évaluée (NE)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Lipinia microcerca*. Day and night temperatures, humidity and breeding are based on the climate of its range and on other small, arboreal skinks, and the figures are estimates.

TEMPÉRATURE

By day the temperature should be 25-28 °C, and a small basking spot on a trunk under a weak heat bulb should reach 32 °C, measured on the surface. At night the heat is switched off and the temperature falls to 20-23 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity should be 60-80 %, highest at night and just after misting. The species lives in lighter forest with a dry season, so it needs slightly drier air than *Lipinia vittigera*.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

Lipinia microcerca is diurnal and moves about on forest trunks where the sun falls filtered.

ALIMENTATION

Lipinia microcerca eats fruit flies, small crickets, buffalo worms (lesser mealworm larvae), small beetles and other insects of the same size. In the wild its diet is spiders and small insects, including ants.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Lipinia microcerca is fast and shy and is an animal to watch, not to handle. It can shed its tail, and the new tail does not look like the original.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Viêt Nam, Cambodge et Laos.