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Belep giant gecko

Correlophus belepensis

Correlophus belepensis is a large, rare gecko that lives only on a single small island in the Belep Islands north-west of Grande Terre in New Caledonia. It resembles its close relative *Correlophus ciliatus* and has a distinct crest of spines running from the eye down towards the shoulder. The species is critically endangered in the wild, and there is almost no knowledge of its care in captivity.

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KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**18-22 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**15-20 years**
Active	**At dusk and at night**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal**
Habitat	**Rainforest**
Difficulty	**Experienced**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**22-26 °C**
Basking spot	**26-28 °C**
Temperature, night	**18-21 °C**
Humidity	**50-80%**
UVB	**Recommended** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects, fruit and complete diet**
Kept	**Singly**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**1-2 eggs**
Incubation	**60-120 days** at 22-26 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
EU annex	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Critically Endangered (CR)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	There is almost no knowledge of the care of *Correlophus belepensis*.
TEMPERATURE	During the day 22-26 °C is suitable for *Correlophus belepensis*, and a small area at the top may reach 26-28 °C. At night the temperature may fall to 18-21 °C. Too much heat is a greater risk than cold.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	The humidity in the enclosure for *Correlophus belepensis* must fluctuate: humid nights and drier days. Mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, so the humidity rises to 70-80 %, and let it fall to 50-60 % during the day.
LIGHTING AND UVB	*Correlophus belepensis* is crepuscular and nocturnal and sleeps hidden during the day. It is not documented how much UVB it needs.
FEEDING	The diet in the wild is not documented for *Correlophus belepensis*. The close relative *Correlophus ciliatus* lives on fruit and insects, and the feeding follows it.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	There are no descriptions of the temperament of *Correlophus belepensis* in captivity. Like other crepuscular geckos, it is probably stressed by much handling.
NATIVE RANGE	New Caledonia.

The full guide with map and updates: herpy.org/gekkoer/correlophus-belepensis