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Striped leaf-toed gecko

Goggia lineata

Goggia lineata is a tiny, pale grey and striped gecko from the western part of South Africa and the far south of Namibia. It reaches only about 4 cm including tail and is one of the smallest lizards in southern Africa. It is nocturnal and lives hidden under stones and vegetation. Almost nothing is known about its care, so this guide is based on the climate and habitat.

Family: Gekkonidae Former name: *Phyllodactylus lineatus* Published 16 November 2026

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**4 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**5-8 years**
Active	**At night**
Lifestyle	**Rock-dwelling and terrestrial**
Habitat	**Semi-desert and rocky terrain**
Difficulty	**Experienced**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**30 × 20 × 20 cm** L × W × H for 2 adults
Temperature, day	**18-28 °C**
Temperature, night	**10-18 °C**
Humidity	**50-70%**
UVB	**Optional**
Diet	**Insects and small invertebrates (springtails, fruit flies)**
Kept	**In pairs**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**2 eggs**
Incubation	**60-90 days** at 24-27 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
EU annex	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	There is no documented care for *Goggia lineata*. This guide is based on the climate in the species' range, the habitat and the animal's size of about 4 cm.
TEMPERATURE	Temperature has not been measured on the animals themselves, but follows the climate in the species' range: 24-28 °C by day and 16-18 °C at night in summer and a cool winter with 18-20 °C by day and 10-12 °C at night.
HUMIDITY AND WATER	Humidity in the animal's hides is not documented. The coastal climate is humid, the interior drier, and winter is the humid season. The 50-70 % in the fact box is an estimate.
LIGHTING AND UVB	The species is nocturnal and hides by day. UVB is not documented as necessary and is optional.
FEEDING	In the wild the species eats mainly ants and termites, so offer the very smallest feeder insects: fruit flies, springtails and the smallest newly hatched crickets. Prey must be smaller than the animal's head.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	*Goggia lineata* is small, shy and fast and is not suitable for handling. It stays under cover most of the time and comes out at dusk and at night.
NATIVE RANGE	South Africa and Namibia.