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CAMALEONTI

Boettger's Chameleon

Calumma boettgeri

Calumma boettgeri is one of the smallest chameleons, only 8-10 cm long, with a soft, round-oval rostral appendage and subdued colours in yellow, greenish brown and beige. It lives in rainforest in north-western Madagascar, including the islands of Nosy Be and Nosy Komba. The species needs warm, humid air with cooler nights and is for the experienced keeper. Its boundaries have been unclear.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo boettgeri; Chamaeleon boettgeri; Chamaeleon macrorhinus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**8-10 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**3-5 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**40 × 40 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**22-27 °C**
Punto caldo	**27-29 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**16-20 °C**
Umidità	**70-100%**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Insetti e piccoli invertebrati (collemboli, moscerini della frutta)**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**9 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**4-5 uova**
Incubazione	**90 giorni** a 22-24 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato B**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Calumma boettgeri*. The climate below is based on measurements from the species' habitats.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 22-27 °C, with a basking spot of 27-29 °C. The temperature must not exceed 29 °C on the warmest branches.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity must be high: 70-80 % for part of the day and higher at night, up to 100 % after misting.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is diurnal and needs bright daylight for 12 hours a day. UVB is recommended. Aim for Ferguson zone 2, that is a UV index of about 2-3 on the highest branches, with a T5 HO UVB tube and plenty of shade.

ALIMENTAZIONE

C. boettgeri eats small insects: fruit flies, springtails, small crickets and small grasshoppers. The feeder insects must be small, because the animal itself is so small. Young are fed daily, adults every other day.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The species is kept singly, because individuals are aggressive towards one another. Handling should be limited to what is necessary, and a new animal is given two weeks in peace.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Madagascar.