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CAMALEONTI

Indian Chameleon

Chamaeleo zeylanicus

Chamaeleo zeylanicus is a large, slow-moving chameleon from India, Sri Lanka and south-eastern Pakistan, the only chameleon on the Indian subcontinent. It reaches 35-40 cm in length and turns deep green with dark spots when threatening. Little is known about its care, and the species is difficult to keep in the long term. It must live alone in a tall mesh enclosure with UVB.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo coromandelicus; Chamaeleo zebra; Chamaeleo zeylonicus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**35-40 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**3-5 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta secca**
Difficoltà	**Specialista**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**25-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**18-22 °C**
Umidità	**50-70%**
Acqua	**Nessuna ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**22-40 uova**
Incubazione	**240 giorni** a 22-27 °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 *Chamaeleo zeylanicus*. The species is kept only in small numbers, captive breeding has not been documented, and it is difficult to keep in the long term without a large, densely planted setup.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature in the enclosure should be 25-30 °C, and on a basking branch it should be 32-35 °C.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	Humidity should be 50-70 %, and the enclosure should have good airflow, so branches and leaves can dry between mistings. Mist plants and branches twice a day, so there are droplets the animal can lick.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary, because the animal needs D3 to absorb calcium.
ALIMENTAZIONE	The species is an insectivore and needs live insects: crickets, locusts, silkworms, hornworms and cockroaches such as *Blaptica dubia*. Variety is important. Waxworms and mealworms are fatty and are given only occasionally.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	*Chamaeleo zeylanicus* is an animal to look at and not to handle. It sits still in the plants, sways slowly and lies in wait for prey.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	India, Sri Lanka e Pakistan.