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CAMALEONTI

Kilimanjaro Two-horned Chameleon

Kinyongia tavetana

Kinyongia tavetana is a medium-sized mountain chameleon from Kilimanjaro, Mount Meru, the Pare Mountains and the Chyulu Hills in Tanzania and Kenya. The male has two flat, leaf-shaped horns on the snout, the female only two small knobs. The species lays eggs and needs cool nights, high humidity and a densely planted enclosure. Little is known about its care, and it is best suited to the experienced keeper.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleon tavetanus; Bradypodion tavetanum; Chamaeleo abbotti*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**20-24 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**5-7 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta montana**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 60 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**20-25 °C**
Punto caldo	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**14-18 °C**
Umidità	**70-100%**
Acqua	**Nessuna ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**9-12 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**2-12 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1-2**
Incubazione	**220-270 giorni** a 16-23 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato B**
IUCN	**Quasi minacciata (NT)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Kinyongia tavetana*. Care is based on the climate of the range and on the closest, better-known mountain species *Kinyongia fischeri*, *Kinyongia matschiei* and *Kinyongia tenuis*.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 20-25 °C, ideally around 25 °C, with a basking branch at 26-28 °C, and at night it should fall to 14-18 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should be high, 70-100 %, and highest at night and in the morning. The animal drinks droplets and should not be given a water bowl. Mist at least twice a day, or set up a drip or rain system.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is active by day and needs a bright, but not too warm enclosure. UVB is recommended, and Ferguson zone 2 is an estimate for a mountain chameleon.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Kinyongia tavetana eats insects of suitable size such as crickets, flies, small locusts and cockroaches. Feeder insects should be captive-bred and well fed on nutritious food. Juveniles are fed daily.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Kinyongia tavetana is nervous of its surroundings and is stressed by handling. Do not pick the animal up without reason, and let a new animal settle for a few weeks. Opaque sides and back give calm.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Kenya e Tanzania.