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CAMALEONTI

Crested Chameleon

Trioceros cristatus

Trioceros cristatus is a medium-sized chameleon from the lowland forests of West and Central Africa. The male has a tall, fan-shaped sail crest on the back and tail, and the skin between the throat scales is bright red or orange. The species is difficult to keep and needs constantly high humidity, so it is only for the very experienced keeper.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo cristatus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**25-28 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**3-5 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo e terrestre**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale**
Difficoltà	**Specialista**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 60 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**23-25 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**20-23 °C**
Umidità	**80-100%**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**11-37 uova**
Deposizioni all'anno	**1-2**
Incubazione	**240-300 giorni** a 19-22 °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 *Trioceros cristatus*, and the species is very difficult to keep, even for experienced keepers. An adult needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATURA

The temperature should be fairly constant: 23-25 °C by day and only a couple of degrees lower at night, 20-23 °C. The species rarely basks, so a strong hot spot is not needed.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

The species requires an extremely humid, almost wet environment. An ultrasonic fogger that runs constantly and lays dew in the enclosure, and an even drip system during the day, cover the need.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is diurnal. It rarely basks, but benefits from plenty of UVB, and two UVB tubes over the enclosure can be used. Zone 2 is an estimate based on related forest chameleons such as *Trioceros deremensis*.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Trioceros cristatus is an insectivore. Most ordinary feeder insects are taken readily, but the species is not an aggressive hunter.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

The species is kept individually. Temperament varies from shy (usually the males) to aggressive (usually the females). Several animals together cause stress, and handling is limited to what is necessary.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Guinea Equatoriale, Camerun, Repubblica Centrafricana, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Nigeria, Ghana e Togo.