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CAMALEONTI

Crater Highlands Side-striped Chameleon

Trioceros sternfeldi

Trioceros sternfeldi is a small, live-bearing chameleon from the high mountains of northern Tanzania, Mount Meru and Kilimanjaro. It was described as a subspecies of *Trioceros rudis*. Very little is known about its care. The species needs a cool enclosure with a clear night-time drop and high night humidity.

Famiglia: Chamaeleonidae Nome precedente: *Chamaeleo sternfeldi*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**15-18 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**3-5 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta montana**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**45 × 45 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**20-22 °C**
Punto caldo	**24-25 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**8-14 °C**
Umidità	**50-100%**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Vivipara**
Piccoli per parto	**2-18 piccoli**
Gestazione	**90-160 giorni**

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 sternfeldi*, and the species is rarely seen in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	The species comes from cool highland and tolerates heat poorly. By day the temperature should be 20-22 °C, with a basking spot of 24-25 °C, so the animal can warm up in the morning.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	Night is the humid time. Humidity should rise towards 100 % at night, with fog from an ultrasonic fogger for 3-4 hours late at night and early in the morning. By day it may fall to about 50-70 %.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours a day all year, from a T5 HO tube of 6500 K or a powerful LED lamp across the width of the enclosure. The enclosure must be completely dark at night. UVB is essential.
ALIMENTAZIONE	*T. sternfeldi* eats insects: crickets, grasshoppers, flies, cockroaches and silkworms. Small montane chameleons readily take small prey, even as adults, so try different sizes. Fruit and vegetables are not necessary.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	The species is kept singly. Small montane chameleons can be mild, but they react suddenly and violently when two animals meet and can seriously injure each other. Young are separated as early as possible.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Tanzania.