herpy

IGUANE

Smooth Helmeted Iguana

Corytophanes cristatus

Corytophanes cristatus is a long-legged, tree-dwelling lizard from the rainforests of Central and South America, with a tall, helmet-like crest on the back of the head and a serrated crest along the back. It sits motionless for hours, waiting for large insects, shifts between grey, olive-brown and reddish-brown, and is very shy. It needs a tall, humid enclosure, UVB, live food and calm.

Famiglia: Corytophanidae Nome precedente: *Agama cristata*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**25-35 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**5-8 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**27-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**21-24 °C**
Umidità	**60-80%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Indispensabili** Zona Ferguson 1
Alimentazione	**Insetti e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**4-11 uova**
Incubazione	**60-90 giorni** a 26-28 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Non elencata**
Allegato UE	**Non elencata**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	A single adult needs a tall enclosure of at least 60 × 45 × 90 cm (length × width × height). Larger is better, especially wider.
TEMPERATURA	The air should be kept at 27-30 °C by day, and the warmest spot, a thick branch under a lamp, should have a surface temperature of 32-35 °C measured with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	Humidity should be 60-70 % by day and rise to 70-80 % at night.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	*Corytophanes cristatus* is active by day and needs UVB all day, even though it is a shade species.
ALIMENTAZIONE	The species is insectivorous and takes large, slow prey: cockroaches (such as discoid and dubia), silkworms, hornworms, grasshoppers, superworms and earthworms. Feeder insects should be about as large as the animal's head.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	The species is shy and peaceful but sensitive to disturbance, and it is better suited to observing than to handling. It often sits perfectly still for hours and moves slowly.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Messico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama e Colombia.