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Beautiful Mantella

Mantella pulchra

Mantella pulchra is a small, diurnal and rather shy frog from the humid forests and swamps of east-central Madagascar, brown with pale green spots and a more subdued pattern than its brightly coloured relatives. The females grow to 25 mm. It feeds on ants and other small arthropods and needs a cool, humid enclosure with many hides.

Famiglia: Mantellidae

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**20-25 mm** lunghezza muso-cloaca
Aspettativa di vita	**4-8 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale e zona umida**
Tossine cutanee in natura	**Lievi**
Tossine cutanee in cattività	**Nessuna** Animali nati in cattività. Gli animali catturati in natura possono conservare le tossine a lungo
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** L × P × H per 4 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**20-24 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**16-18 °C**
Umidità	**70-100%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Facoltativi** Zona Ferguson 1
Alimentazione	**Piccoli invertebrati (collemboli, moscerini della frutta)**
Detenzione	**In gruppo**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Sviluppo	**Girini in acqua**
Luogo di deposizione	**Sul terreno**
Maturità sessuale	**12-18 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**12-30**
Schiusa	**3-12 giorni**
Periodo larvale	**56-112 giorni** dalla schiusa alla metamorfosi
Alimentazione delle larve	**Alghe/piante e mangime completo**
Cure parentali	**Nessuna**

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
IUCN	**Quasi minacciata (NT)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Little is known about the care of *Mantella pulchra*, and the species is rarely bred in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the temperature should be 20-24 °C, and at night it may fall to 16-18 °C. The species tolerates 19-25 °C without problems, but a longer period above 25 °C causes stress and disease and can kill the animals.
UMIDITÀ E NEBULIZZAZIONE	Humidity should be high most of the time, 70-100 %. Mist the enclosure with dechlorinated water every day, heavily in warm weather and a little less when it is cold. The substrate should be damp, but not waterlogged.
ACQUA E QUALITÀ DELL'ACQUA	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. The frogs are poor swimmers, so the bowl must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	No UVB requirement is documented for the species, and the frogs manage without. A weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) can be used as an optional extra, provided there is shade and plants so the animals can choose.
ALIMENTAZIONE	The frog is an eager hunter and can eat relatively large prey for its size. In the wild the genus feeds mostly on ants and mites.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	*Mantella pulchra* is diurnal, but rather shy and may stay hidden among leaves and plants until food appears. The males patrol their area, call from the leaf litter and may wrestle with one another.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Madagascar.