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SCINCHI

Banded Lipinia

Lipinia microcerca

Lipinia microcerca is a small, diurnal skink from Vietnam, Cambodia and southern Laos. It lives on the trunks of large trees in light forest and around villages, hunting ants and other small insects. It reaches 8-9 cm including the orange tail and is fast and shy.

Famiglia: Scincidae Nome precedente: *Lipinia vittigera microcerca; Lygosoma microcercum*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**8-9 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**3-5 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**45 × 45 × 60 cm** L × P × H per 2 adulti
Temperatura, giorno	**25-28 °C**
Punto caldo	**32 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**20-23 °C**
Umidità	**60-80%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Insetti e piccoli invertebrati (collemboli, moscerini della frutta)**
Detenzione	**In coppia o in gruppo**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**12 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**2-4 uova**
Incubazione	**50-70 giorni** a 23-25 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Non elencata**
Allegato UE	**Non elencata**
IUCN	**Non valutata (NE)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little is known about the care of *Lipinia microcerca*. Day and night temperatures, humidity and breeding are based on the climate of its range and on other small, arboreal skinks, and the figures are estimates.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 25-28 °C, and a small basking spot on a trunk under a weak heat bulb should reach 32 °C, measured on the surface. At night the heat is switched off and the temperature falls to 20-23 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should be 60-80 %, highest at night and just after misting. The species lives in lighter forest with a dry season, so it needs slightly drier air than *Lipinia vittigera*.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

Lipinia microcerca is diurnal and moves about on forest trunks where the sun falls filtered.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Lipinia microcerca eats fruit flies, small crickets, buffalo worms (lesser mealworm larvae), small beetles and other insects of the same size. In the wild its diet is spiders and small insects, including ants.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Lipinia microcerca is fast and shy and is an animal to watch, not to handle. It can shed its tail, and the new tail does not look like the original.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Vietnam, Cambogia e Laos.