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GEKKO'S

Giant ground gecko

Chondrodactylus angulifer

A large, robust ground gecko from the deserts of south-western Africa. It has no adhesive pads, but short, spiny toes that give it grip in loose sand and make it a skilled digger. By day it sleeps in a burrow of its own making, and at night it hunts termites and other arthropods. In the terrarium it needs a deep layer of sand and a humid hide.

Familie: Gekkonidae Vroegere naam: *Chondrodactylus angulifer namibensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-18 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-11 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 40 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**27-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**35-50%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair, in paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**10-12 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-4**
Incubatie	**55-65 dagen** bij 28-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A pair will manage in a terrarium of at least 60 × 40 × 40 cm (length × width × height), and the same size suits a single animal. If you are keeping a male with two females, a little more floor area is an advantage.

TEMPERATUUR

During the day the background temperature should be 27-30 °C, with a cool zone of 24-25 °C and a local hot spot of around 35 °C. At night the temperature should fall to 18-24 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry. The humidity should be around 35-50 %, preferably a little lower in winter, and ventilation should be good. Avoid soaking the enclosure.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is nocturnal and spends the day underground, so it gets almost no direct sunlight. Keep the light on for 12-14 hours in summer and 8-10 hours in winter, controlled by a timer, and keep it completely dark at night.

VOEDING

The gecko has a good appetite and is not fussy. Crickets, locusts and cockroaches make a good staple diet, and mealworms and wax moth larvae can be given for variety.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The gecko is calm, but not an animal for handling. It can bite hard if grabbed, and it is best enjoyed by watching. If it has to be moved, do so calmly and close to the ground, and never take hold of the tail.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Namibië, Zuid-Afrika en Botswana.