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GEKKO'S

Turner's thick-toed gecko

Chondrodactylus turneri

Chondrodactylus turneri is a sturdy, nocturnal gecko from savanna and rocky country in southern and eastern Africa, with large orange eyes, brown bands and adhesive lamellae under the toes. It is easy to keep, but shy and fast, so it suits best the keeper who wants to watch the animal rather than handle it.

Familie: Gekkonidae Vroegere naam: *Pachydactylus turneri; Homodactylus turneri*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15-22 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**6-10 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 40 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**25-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**33-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**50-60 dagen** bij 27-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A pair needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 40 × 40 cm (length × width × height), preferably 80 × 40 × 40 cm, because more space makes it easier to create both warm and cool zones.

TEMPERATUUR

Keep 25-28 °C during the day, and create a warm spot, for example a stone under a spot lamp, where the temperature reaches 33-35 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Chondrodactylus turneri lives on dry rocks and in savanna, so the air should be kept relatively dry, around 30-50 %, as for its relatives *Chondrodactylus bibronii* and *Chondrodactylus angulifer*.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Chondrodactylus turneri is nocturnal and sleeps in the crevices by day, so it does not need strong light. Use a timer to switch the light on and off, giving about 12 hours of day and complete darkness at night.

VOEDING

Chondrodactylus turneri has a good appetite and is not fussy. It eats crickets, cockroaches, mealworms, moths and grasshoppers.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Chondrodactylus turneri is not an animal for handling. It can be wild and unpredictable. One day it basks calmly on a rock, and the next it bolts in panic as soon as anyone comes near. It is fast and can jump several centimetres.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Zuid-Afrika, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana, Eswatini, Tanzania, Malawi en Zambia.