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GEKKO'S

Peters' spotted gecko

Geckolepis maculata

A small, nocturnal tree dweller from north-western Madagascar with disproportionately large scales that come away when it is held firmly, so the animal can slip away from an enemy. It is hardy in the enclosure but fragile to handle and is best suited to being looked at.

Familie: Gekkonidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**8-13 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**7-10 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**30 × 30 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-24 °C**
Zonneplek	**27-29 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**17-21 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten en kant-en-klaar voer**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**60-90 dagen** bij 25-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

As an absolute minimum, a single adult needs an enclosure of 30 × 30 × 45 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is better. Height matters more than floor area, because *Geckolepis maculata* lives up in the branches.

TEMPERATUUR

By day it should be 20-24 °C in most of the enclosure, and a small warm area at the top may reach 27-29 °C. At night the temperature may fall to 17-21 °C. Heating at night is not necessary.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species needs high humidity: 60-80 % on average. Mist the enclosure in the evening so that the leaves and furnishings are damp, and again in the morning if necessary. The animal drinks droplets from leaves and furnishings.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is nocturnal, and no need for UVB has been documented. Even so, a weak UVB light is recommended as a safeguard, because supplements of calcium and vitamins cannot entirely replace the light.

VOEDING

The bulk of the diet is live insects: crickets, grasshoppers, dubia cockroaches and the like. The insects should be a little smaller than the animal's head and lightly dusted with calcium.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Geckolepis maculata is a shy, curious, nocturnal gecko that usually sits on branches or on the glass at night. It becomes fairly tame if it is allowed to get used to you, and willingly takes food from tweezers.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Madagaskar.