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GEKKO'S

Smith's green-eyed gecko

Gekko smithii

Gekko smithii is one of the largest geckos in the world: a sturdy forest dweller from the Malay Peninsula and southern Thailand with green eyes and white spots on the back. It is rare in vivaria, and its care relies heavily on the close relative *Gekko gecko*.

Familie: Gekkonidae Vroegere naam: *Gecko smithii; Gekko stentor*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**19 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-29 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-33 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**23-26 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**2 eieren**
Incubatie	**60-180 dagen** bij 25-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

The dimensions for *Gekko smithii* follow *Gekko gecko*, which is almost as large. A single adult needs a tall enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is better.

TEMPERATUUR

The temperatures suit the warm, tropical climate of the species' homeland. By day the enclosure should be 26-29 °C, and a warm spot under a lamp may reach 30-33 °C. At night the temperature may fall to 23-26 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Keep the humidity at 60-80 %, and let it fluctuate: mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, so that the humidity rises, and let the substrate and branches dry out somewhat during the day.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Gekko smithii is nocturnal, and its need for UV light is not known.

VOEDING

Gekko smithii eats insects, especially grasshoppers. The staple is crickets, dubia roaches and grasshoppers, supplemented with waxworms, hornworms or superworms as a treat.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Expect a temperament like that of the relative *Gekko gecko*, one of the most defensive geckos in the trade: a large, powerful animal that hisses, opens its mouth wide and bites when it feels threatened.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Thailand en Maleisië.