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GEKKO'S

African fat-tailed gecko

Hemitheconyx caudicinctus

A quiet, ground-dwelling gecko from the savannas of West Africa with a thick, cone-shaped tail that works as a packed lunch. It is related to *Eublepharis macularius* and looks very like it, but wants it a little more humid. It is easy to keep and a good first choice for anyone who wants a calm gecko that lives down on the floor.

Familie: Eublepharidae Vroegere naam: *Stenodactylus caudi-cinctus; Psilodactylus caudicinctus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**18-23 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**40-75 g**
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-70%**
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**8-12 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**3-5**
Incubatie	**43-70 dagen** bij 28-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A single adult gecko needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height), and larger is always better. It is the floor area that counts, because the species lives on the ground.

TEMPERATUUR

Give the gecko a clear temperature gradient from one end to the other. The cool end should hold 25-28 °C, and the warm spot 30-32 °C measured on the surface. At night the temperature may fall to 20-24 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species comes from dry regions, but should not be kept completely dry. Keep humidity in the enclosure at 40-60 %, and let it rise towards 70 % for periods, while the damp hide is always damp.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The gecko is active at dusk and at night and manages without UVB when it gets vitamin D3 through supplements. A weak UVB light can nevertheless be an advantage, because it imitates nature and can strengthen calcium metabolism.

VOEDING

Hemitheconyx caudicinctus lives on insects. The staple diet is crickets, dubia roaches and the like, which have been fed well for a couple of days before being passed on.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Hemitheconyx caudicinctus is calm and easy to hold. It sleeps by day in a hide, so handle it in the evening, and give it a week or two to settle in before you pick it up.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Senegal, Gambia, Guinee, Mali, Burkina Faso, Ivoorkust, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Niger, Nigeria en Kameroen.