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GEKKO'S

Taylor's fat-tailed gecko

Hemitheconyx taylori

A calm, ground-dwelling gecko from the dry regions of Somalia and Ethiopia, with velvety skin, a short, fat tail and eyelids. *Hemitheconyx taylori* is rare in vivaria and needs more heat than most geckos of the same family.

Familie: Eublepharidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**11-14 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**50 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**29-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**40 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**25-26 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Winterrust	**22-25 °C** 16-17 weken
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**2 eieren**
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 pair of adults can be kept in an enclosure of at least 50 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height). Bigger is better. If you keep more than a pair, there must be extra space and many hiding places.

TEMPERATUUR

Hemitheconyx taylori needs warmth: by day 29-32 °C in the enclosure and a hot spot just under the heat source of about 40 °C. At night the temperature is kept at 25-26 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity in the enclosure should be 40-60 %. Do not mist, because the species comes from a dry region; a water bowl with fresh water provides enough humidity.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is nocturnal, and the need for UVB is not documented, but a full-spectrum tube above the enclosure is common. During the active period the day length is 14 hours.

VOEDING

Hemitheconyx taylori lives exclusively on insects. Adults are given cockroaches, crickets and other insects, 2 times a week, 4-5 per animal. In addition, give 1-2 white zophobas larvae to each animal once a week.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Hemitheconyx taylori is a peaceful gecko, but not much is documented about how well it tolerates handling. Males are territorial, and two males should not be kept together. A pair or a single gecko can be kept without problems.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Somalië en Ethiopië.