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GEKKO'S

Beaded gecko

Lucasium damaeum

Lucasium damaeum is a small, fast ground gecko from the dry interior of Australia, reddish-brown on the back with chains of pale beads along a cream-coloured dorsal stripe. It is nocturnal, lives on the ground and manages with simple furnishings, but it is rare in enclosures outside Australia.

Familie: Diplodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Diplodactylus damaeus; Ceramodactylus damaeus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**6-8 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**5-8 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**40 × 30 × 25 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-26 °C**
Zonneplek	**28-30 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair, in paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-18 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**40-75 dagen** bij 27-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Care of *Lucasium damaeum* is hardly described, so the advice here is based on the ground-dwelling Australian *Diplodactylus* species the species was formerly counted among.

TEMPERATUUR

The enclosure should have a warm and a cool side. Use a heat mat or heat tape under one end, so that part of the floor reaches 28-30 °C in summer. The rest of the enclosure is kept at 22-26 °C during the day.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Lucasium damaeum comes from dry regions and should not have high humidity. Ordinary room air with 30-50 % humidity is plenty.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Lucasium damaeum is nocturnal and has no need for special lighting. UVB is optional, and there is no documented Ferguson zone for the species.

VOEDING

Lucasium damaeum feeds on small insects and spiders and is easy to feed. In captivity it takes crickets, cockroaches, termites, flies, maggots, moths and waxworms.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Lucasium damaeum is fast and shy and stays hidden by day. It is a species to watch, not to handle. If you have to pick it up, do so briefly and low over the floor, because it darts away quickly. Never grab it by the tail.

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