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GEKKO'S

Kimberley rough knob-tailed gecko

Nephrurus sheai

A large, stocky knob-tailed gecko from Australia's northern rocky country in the Kimberley and the Top End, with spiny skin, distinctly banded toes and a small knob at the end of the tail. It is nocturnal, feeds on insects and is only sparsely described in captivity, so the guide is based on the close relative *Nephrurus amyae*.

Familie: Carphodactylidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**9-12 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 45 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-24 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-4**
Incubatie	**80-100 dagen** bij 27-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage III**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage C**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Nephrurus sheai*. The dimensions and climate are borrowed from the close relative *Nephrurus amyae*, which is far better known in captivity.

TEMPERATUUR

Keep the terrarium at 24-28 °C by day with a warm spot of 30-32 °C, for example with a heat mat under one end, so that the animal can choose for itself. At night the temperature may fall to 20-23 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity is 30-50 %, and most of the terrarium is dry. Mist lightly once or twice a week in the evening, so that the gecko can lick droplets from stones and furnishings. A low, stable water bowl does no harm.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The gecko is nocturnal and sees little of the light. A weak UVB light can make the animals more active and give more reliable calcium metabolism, but they also manage without it when the food supplies vitamin D3.

VOEDING

The species is an insectivore. In the wild, knob-tailed geckos take everything from ants and spiders to cockroaches, crickets, scorpions, larvae and beetles and even smaller geckos and skinks.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Knob-tailed geckos tolerate handling, but are not as calm as many other geckos. Pick the animal up rarely and briefly, and sit low, because it is no climber and can fall. Never grab the tail.

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