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GEKKO'S

Ornate day gecko

Phelsuma ornata

Phelsuma ornata is a small, fast day gecko from Mauritius and the surrounding islands, with a blue-green body, red dots on the back and a turquoise tail with red crossbands. It feeds on insects, nectar and soft fruit, does best in a tall, densely planted enclosure, and is more an animal to watch than to handle.

Familie: Gekkonidae Vroegere naam: *Phelsuma ornatum; Phelsuma vinsoni*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-13 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-12 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en rotsbewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**30 × 30 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**31-33 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-90%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten, fruit, nectar en kant-en-klaar voer**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**6-12 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**40-85 dagen** bij 26-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A single adult *Phelsuma ornata* can live in a tall enclosure of at least 30 × 30 × 45 cm (length × width × height), but bigger is always better, because the species is very active.

TEMPERATUUR

For *Phelsuma ornata* the enclosure should be 26-28 °C during the day, and at night the temperature falls to about 20 °C. A small hot spot under a lamp should be 31-33 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity should fluctuate over the day. By day it is kept at about 50-60 %, and at night it rises to 80-90 %. Mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, and let it dry out to about 50 % before you mist again.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Phelsuma ornata is diurnal, and light is important for both colours and calcium metabolism.

VOEDING

In the wild, *Phelsuma ornata* eats insects and other invertebrates as well as nectar, pollen and soft fruit. In captivity, a mixture of live insects and a ready-made food for fruit-eating geckos works as the staple diet.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Phelsuma ornata is fast and shy in captivity. In time it can get used to you and stay in view when you stand by the enclosure, but it should not be handled.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Mauritius.