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GEKKO'S

Lesser rough-snouted gecko

Rhacodactylus trachycephalus

Rhacodactylus trachycephalus is a rare, nocturnal climber from the Isle of Pines and the small island of Môrô in New Caledonia, and it gives birth to live young. The species is critically endangered in the wild and rare in captivity. Its care resembles that of the other *Rhacodactylus* species, but the animals are expensive, grow slowly and have at most two young a year.

Familie: Diplodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Chameleonurus trachycephalus; Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus trachycephalus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**10-14 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**45 × 45 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 4 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**22-26 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**18-21 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**65-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten en kant-en-klaar voer**
Gehouden	**In paren of in groepen**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Geslachtsrijp	**36-60 maanden**
Worpgrootte	**1-2 jongen**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Draagtijd	**180 dagen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Ernstig bedreigd (CR)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
The species thrives best in a vertical enclosure of at least 45 × 45 × 90 cm (length × width × height). It holds one to four animals, and a larger enclosure is always an advantage.

TEMPERATUUR
During the day *Rhacodactylus trachycephalus* needs 22-26 °C, and at night the temperature may fall to 18-21 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be around 65-70 %. It can be maintained with a live plant, moist sphagnum in a hide and regular spraying. Spray three to four times a week, as with the related, larger *Rhacodactylus* species.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is entirely nocturnal and only comes out when it is dark. It has not been shown that UVB is necessary, but all *Rhacodactylus* species probably bask a little in the wild.

VOEDING
The diet consists of live insects and a dry pollen and nectar food for day geckos, which is available all the time. Give four adult crickets per adult once a week.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
The species is calm, and with regular handling the animals become tame and just as easy to pick up as *Correlophus ciliatus*. The animals are active at night, so handle them in the evening.

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