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GEKKO'S

Reef gecko

Sphaerodactylus notatus

A small, ground-dwelling dwarf gecko from Cuba, the Bahamas and southernmost Florida, no more than 5-6 cm long including the tail. *Sphaerodactylus notatus* is brown with dark spots and stripes on the head, is active mostly in the morning and evening in the leaf litter, and can be kept in pairs in a small, tight enclosure.

Familie: Sphaerodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Sphaerodactylus notatus amaurus; Sphaerodactylus notatus atactus; Sphaerodactylus notatus peltastes*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**5-6 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag en in de schemering**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**20 × 20 × 20 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**26-28 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten en kleine ongewervelden (springstaarten, fruitvliegen)**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**6 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1 eieren**
Incubatie	**70 dagen** bij 26 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Sphaerodactylus notatus*, but the species is easy to keep. It is looked after like the related *Sphaerodactylus elegans* and *Sphaerodactylus macrolepis*.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the temperature should be 26-28 °C. A small fluorescent tube or a compact fluorescent bulb usually gives enough heat. A spotlight is not necessary and can easily overheat such a small enclosure.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be around 70 %, and the substrate should be slightly damp. Mist the enclosure once a day, so that droplets sit on leaves and glass for the animal to drink, and also put out a small, shallow water dish.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Keep the light on for 12 hours a day in summer, and use small fluorescent tubes or compact fluorescent bulbs in daylight colour. During the winter rest period the days should be shorter. The need for UVB is not documented.

VOEDING

The gecko feeds on small arthropods. Offer small crickets, small woodlice, springtails, small wax moths and wax moth larvae. Feeder insects must not be larger than the animal's head.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Keep one pair per enclosure. Not only the males but also the females can be very aggressive towards each other, so two animals of the same sex must not be housed together.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Cuba en Bahama's.