herpy

GEKKO'S

## Helmethead gecko

# *Tarentola chazaliae*

A small, compact gecko from the Atlantic coast of north-western Africa with long, pointed bumps at the back of the head that look like a helmet. It is nocturnal, fearless and greedy, chirps and grunts when it is on the go, and lives in dry terrain with damp fog from the sea. It therefore needs a dry enclosure with humid hides and daily misting.

Familie: Phyllodactylidae  Vroegere naam: *Geckonia chazaliae*

**KERNGEGEVENS**

### HET DIER

| | |
|---|---|
| Volwassen grootte | **5-10 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **8-12 jaar** |
| Actief | **'s nachts** |
| Levenswijze | **Bodembewonend** |
| Leefgebied | **Woestijn** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

### VERZORGING

| | |
|---|---|
| Min. terrarium | **50 × 30 × 30 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren |
| Temperatuur overdag | **24-29 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **32-35 °C** |
| Temperatuur 's nachts | **18-22 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **40-60%** |
| UVB | **Optioneel** |
| Voeding | **Insecten** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair, in paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes** |

### KWEEK

| | |
|---|---|
| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Legselgrootte | **2 eieren** |
| Incubatie | **70-110 dagen**<br>bij 27-30 °C |

### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

| | |
|---|---|
| CITES | **Bijlage II** |
| EU-bijlage | **Bijlage B** |
| IUCN | **Kwetsbaar (VU)** |

## Verzorging in het kort

| | |
|---|---|
| **HET TERRARIUM** | Two adult animals need an enclosure of at least 50 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height). Three animals need more floor area, and more space gives more activity, because the animals explore diligently. |
| **TEMPERATUUR** | By day the temperature should be 24-29 °C, from 24-27 °C at the cool end to about 29 °C at the warm end, with a basking spot of 32-35 °C. Use a heat mat under the floor at one end or a small spotlight, always with a thermostat. |
| **LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER** | The species differs from most desert geckos in needing moisture, and moisture is the key to success. Humidity should be 40-60 %, and the enclosure is lightly misted once or twice a day. |
| **VERLICHTING EN UVB** | The gecko is nocturnal and requires no special lighting. The light can be anything from a spot bulb with UV or a daylight tube to ordinary daylight from the room. |
| **VOEDING** | The gecko is an eager and greedy hunter, which eats surprisingly much for its size. The staple diet is dubia roaches or crickets, and small mealworms and waxworms can be given for variety. |
| **GEDRAG EN OMGANG** | The gecko is hardly afraid of people at all. Many animals quickly learn that you mean food, and come to the glass or take insects from tweezers or fingers. Even newly hatched young take food from a finger. |
| **NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED** | Marokko, Westelijke Sahara, Mauritanië en Senegal. |