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GEKKO'S

Turnip-tailed gecko

Thecadactylus rapicauda

One of the largest geckos in the Americas: a nocturnal ambush hunter with no movable eyelids, vertical pupils, a blue tongue and a tail that grows back thick as a turnip after a loss. The species is widespread from Mexico to Brazil, but is rare in vivaria, and little reliable information on care exists.

Familie: Phyllodactylidae Vroegere naam: *Gekko rapicauda; Gekko laevis; Platydactylus theconyx*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**9-13 cm** kop-romplengte
Gewicht	**16-40 g**
Levensduur	**8-12 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-31 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**21-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**150-200 dagen** bij 24-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	A single animal needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 45 × 90 cm (length × width × height), and a pair at least 70 × 70 × 90 cm.
TEMPERATUUR	The species is active within a relatively narrow temperature range. By day there should be 25-28 °C with a slightly warmer spot of 30-31 °C at the top of the enclosure, and at night 21-24 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The species needs high humidity. Keep it at 60-80 %: the humidity rises after a misting in the evening and falls during the day. Let the substrate dry out a little between mistings, so that mould does not develop.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is nocturnal and hides in dark crevices by day, so UVB is not necessary when the food is given calcium and vitamin D3.
VOEDING	In the wild the species is an ambush hunter with a very broad diet.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The animal is slow and deliberate when not threatened, but can be quick and aggressive when disturbed. It can bite hard, and it sheds the tail under even slight pressure.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, Frans-Guyana, Brazilië, Trinidad en Tobago, Aruba, Curaçao, Caribisch Nederland, Antigua en Barbuda, Saint Lucia en Grenada.