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GEKKO'S

Henkel's leaf-tailed gecko

Uroplatus henkeli

One of the largest leaf-tailed geckos, from the forests of north-western Madagascar. By day it lies flat and almost invisible on a tree trunk, and at night it hunts in the branches. It is calm towards conspecifics and can be bred, but it tolerates neither heat nor drought and belongs with an experienced keeper.

Familie: Gekkonidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-30 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**50-80 g**
Levensduur	**7-11 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-18 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-5**
Incubatie	**100-230 dagen** bij 18-26 °C

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 100 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**22-26 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**17-21 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-100%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair, in paren of in groepen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	A pair needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 100 cm (length × width × height), and a group of three to five animals fits in 90 × 90 × 120 cm.
TEMPERATUUR	By day it should be 22-26 °C, and at night the temperature should fall to 17-21 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be high: from about 60 % during the day and up towards 100 % right after misting. Mist once or twice a day, so that droplets form on leaves and glass, which the animals drink.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is nocturnal and can manage without UVB when the supplement contains vitamin D3, but it is a good idea to offer it, because in the wild the animals receive diffused UV light through the foliage.
VOEDING	*Uroplatus henkeli* feeds on insects and other small animals.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	By day the gecko sits perfectly still and camouflaged on a trunk or on the glass. It is an animal to watch, not to handle. Touch stresses it, and it may shed its tail, which regrows and looks like the old one.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Madagaskar.