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KAMELEONS

Plated Leaf Chameleon

Brookesia stumpffi

Brookesia stumpffi is a small, leaf-like chameleon from the forest floor of northern and north-western Madagascar. It reaches up to about 9 cm, has a row of spines along each side of the back and changes colour only slightly. It lays 2-5 eggs and can be kept in pairs. It requires high humidity, a thick layer of leaf litter and very small feeder insects for the young.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**7-9 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**3-4 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**40 × 30 × 40 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**22-25 °C**
Temperatuur ‘s nachts	**18-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten en kleine ongewervelden (springstaarten, fruitvliegen)**
Gehouden	**In paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**5 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**2-5 eieren**
Incubatie	**45-70 dagen** bij 18-23 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

A pair needs an enclosure of at least 40 × 30 × 40 cm (length × width × height). The size is an estimate based on the animal's size, and a male with several females needs more space.

TEMPERATUUR

The daytime temperature is 22-25 °C, and at night 18-20 °C is suitable. This corresponds to the climate in the leaf litter in the range. The species does not need a warm basking spot, and a weak heat source at one end is enough.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be 70-100 %, so that it stays high in the leaf litter around the clock. Mist the enclosure 1-2 times a day so that the leaves and plants are damp, but so that the surfaces are dry again before the next misting.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal. A weak UVB light corresponding to Ferguson zone 1 is enough, and the animal must always be able to withdraw into shade.

VOEDING

Brookesia stumpffi eats small insects such as crickets, fruit flies, cockroaches, waxworms and small grasshoppers. The feeders must be small, and the young are fed springtails, fruit flies and newly hatched crickets.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

B. stumpffi is calm and diurnal and walks slowly around in the leaves. When threatened it lets itself fall and lies still like a dead leaf. This is a natural defensive behaviour and not a sign of illness.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Madagaskar.