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KAMELEONS

Parson's Chameleon

Calumma parsonii

Calumma parsonii is regarded as the heaviest chameleon in the world. The male grows to 65 cm, weighs 500-700 g and carries two wart-like horns on the snout. The species lives in the rainforest of eastern and northern Madagascar, can reach almost 20 years of age and is slow and calm. It needs a large, humid and cool enclosure and is only for the experienced keeper.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo parsonii; Chamaeleo madecassus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**45-65 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**500-700 g**
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-60 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**20-60 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Incubatie	**400-780 dagen** bij 22-24 °C

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**27-30 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-100%**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	An adult needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height), and larger is better; a whole room or a large aviary is not too much.
TEMPERATUUR	The daytime temperature should be 22-27 °C. At the basking spot 27-30 °C is acceptable. The night should be cool, 18-20 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity must be highest at night: 90-100 % at night and about 50 % by day. The species drinks a lot and dehydrates quickly in dry air; with the right humidity and enough drips it drinks less.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light 12 hours a day. A T5 HO tube at 6,500 K or a powerful LED lamp over the whole length of the enclosure provides the light. UVB is essential.
VOEDING	*C. parsonii* is an insectivore and eats large insects: adult crickets, cockroaches, locusts, stick insects, silkworms and beetles.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	The species is kept singly for life. Males are territorial and must not be able to see each other. A pair is put together only briefly for mating, and the animals are separated again at signs of unrest. The animal is slow and calm.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Madagaskar.