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KAMELEONS

African Chameleon

Chamaeleo africanus

Chamaeleo africanus is an arboreal chameleon from the dry savanna of the Sahel and along the Nile, from Mauritania to Sudan and Upper Egypt. It is often green with many black spots, has no lobes at the back of the head and reaches 23-46 cm in length. The species is rarely kept, and its care draws on its climate and on better-known species of the genus. It must live alone in a tall mesh enclosure with UVB.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo aegyptius; Chamaeleo calcaratus; Chamaeleo candidus; Chamaeleo mexicanus; Chamaeleo basiliscus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**23-46 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**4-8 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**20-70 eieren**
Incubatie	**90 dagen** bij 28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo africanus*, and the species is rarely kept.
TEMPERATUUR	*Chamaeleo africanus* needs 25-30 °C by day and a basking spot at 32-35 °C. At night the temperature should fall to 18-22 °C. The figures are borrowed from *Chamaeleo dilepis* and suit a warm savanna climate.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity for *Chamaeleo africanus* should be around 40-60%. The figure is an estimate for dry savanna and is slightly below that for *Chamaeleo dilepis*.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*Chamaeleo africanus* is diurnal and needs full-spectrum light and UVB for 12-14 hours a day. The UVB source should be no more than about 30 cm from the animal.
VOEDING	*Chamaeleo africanus* is an insectivore and needs live insects such as crickets, cockroaches and silkworms. The insects should be well fed on a calcium-rich diet and dusted with a mineral and vitamin supplement before being given.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Chamaeleo africanus* should preferably not be handled. The animal must live alone, and the enclosure should have many hiding places in the foliage.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mauritanië, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Benin, Kameroen, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek, Soedan, Zuid-Soedan en Egypte.