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KAMELEONS

Namaqua Chameleon

Chamaeleo namaquensis

Chamaeleo namaquensis is a stocky, ground-dwelling chameleon from the deserts of south-western Africa. It hardly climbs at all, but runs fast over sand and gravel, buries itself and hunts actively. The animals are fiercely territorial and must live alone. Very little is known about their care, and the species is one of the most difficult chameleons to keep.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo capensis; Chamaeleo tuberculiferus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-25 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**3-5 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**35-40 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 4
Voeding	**Insecten en planten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**5-7 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**6-22 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-3**
Incubatie	**90-120 dagen** bij 25-28 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
Very little is known about the care of *Chamaeleo namaquensis*, and the species is among the most difficult chameleons to keep.

TEMPERATUUR
There are no documented captive figures for the species. The recommendations here are derived from the climate in the range: ground temperature in the wild is 27-35 °C, summer air up to 38 °C and summer nights about 10 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be low, 30-50 %, and the substrate should be dry. This is a desert climate, where the early morning air can reach about 50 % and where the animal gets moisture from fog and dew.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is diurnal and lives in open landscape with plenty of sun, so it needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary.

VOEDING
Chamaeleo namaquensis eats mostly beetles, locusts and other arthropods, in the wild also lizards and snakes and a little plant material. The animal hunts all day and is very greedy.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Chamaeleo namaquensis is bold and does not back away from other animals or objects. It rests in the hottest hours of the day and then goes hunting again.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Namibië, Zuid-Afrika en Angola.