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KAMELEONS

Senegal Chameleon

Chamaeleo senegalensis

Chamaeleo senegalensis is a medium-sized, arboreal chameleon from humid savanna and forest edges in tropical West Africa. It is a plain green to olive-brown and has no horns or skin flaps at all. The species is common in the trade, where almost all animals are wild-caught. It needs a tall mesh enclosure with UVB, drinks only droplets and must live alone.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo gymnocephalus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-30 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**3-5 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**45 × 45 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**29-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**5-6 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**20-70 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**210-365 dagen** bij 22-27 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	An adult needs a mesh enclosure of at least 45 × 45 × 90 cm (length × width × height). Bigger is always an advantage. Juveniles can be kept in 40 × 40 × 75 cm.
TEMPERATUUR	By day the temperature in the enclosure should be 22-27 °C, and on a basking branch it should be 29-32 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Air humidity should be 50-70 %, and it is maintained by misting several times a day over the whole enclosure. Live plants help to hold the humidity, and a cold fogger or a timed misting system may be necessary.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary, because the animal makes D3 in its skin and needs it to absorb calcium.
VOEDING	The species is an insectivore and needs live insects: crickets, silkworms, hornworms, cockroaches such as *Blaptica dubia* and the occasional superworm. Waxworms and mealworms are fatty and are given only now and then.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Chamaeleo senegalensis* is relatively calm compared with other chameleons, but it is an animal to watch and not one to pick up. Handling causes stress and may be done only when necessary.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Mauritanië, Senegal, Gambia, Guinee-Bissau, Guinee, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivoorkust, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Mali, Kameroen, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek, Zuid-Soedan en Soedan.