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KAMELEONS

Lesser Chameleon

Furcifer minor

Furcifer minor is a small chameleon from the central highlands of Madagascar. The male is beige and brown with two nose horns, while the female is the colourful one, especially when gravid. The species reaches 16-23 cm in total length, is threatened in the wild and is rare in captivity. It needs a keeper with chameleon experience, not least because females easily develop egg-laying problems.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo minor*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**16-23 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**2-4 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en bergbos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**45 × 45 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**21-26 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-38 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**15-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-100%**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**5-9 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**4-18 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**190-270 dagen** bij 22-24 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Bedreigd (EN)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
An adult needs an enclosure of at least 45 × 45 × 60 cm (length × width × height). The species is small and does not require a large enclosure, but some animals are more restless and do better with more space.

TEMPERATUUR
The daytime temperature should be 21-26 °C. Provide a basking spot of 32-38 °C, measured as surface temperature with an IR thermometer, and keep the floor cooler.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be 60-100 %. The species comes from an area with high humidity, but the enclosure must dry out during the day to avoid standing water and disease.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is diurnal and sun-loving and needs strong light. Use a T5 tube of 6500 K for light and a UVB tube that gives Ferguson zone 3 at the basking spot; the zone is borrowed from *Furcifer pardalis*.

VOEDING
F. minor is a pure insectivore. Offer a varied selection: crickets, cockroaches, mealworm beetles and fruit flies.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
The species is kept singly, and two animals are put together only for mating. The animals are aggressive towards conspecifics, including the young, and can seriously injure one another.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Madagaskar.