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KAMELEONS

Spiny Chameleon

Furcifer verrucosus

Furcifer verrucosus is one of Madagascar's largest chameleons and lives in the hot, dry spiny forests of the south and south-west. The male reaches up to 57 cm and has a tall casque and a crest of spines along the back, while the female is far smaller and brownish. The species is shy, drinks a lot and requires strong heat, UVB and a cool period in winter.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo verrucosus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**21-57 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**2-5 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en droog bos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**31-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**15-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Winterrust	**15-25 °C** 8 weken
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**6-10 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**30-50 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**270-365 dagen** bij 20-23 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

The male needs a mesh enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height), the female at least 60 × 60 × 90 cm. Height is the most important, and larger is better.

TEMPERATUUR

The heat requirements are similar to those of *Chamaeleo calyptratus*. By day it should be 25-30 °C with a basking spot of 31-35 °C, and at night the temperature should fall by 5-8 °C, to 17-22 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The enclosure should be kept relatively dry, about 40-60 % humidity, and dry out between mistings. Even so, the species has the same need for water as other chameleons, and the habitat is dry but often humid in the air.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and basks in open, sunny areas. Give about 12 hours of light with a T5 HO tube or a powerful LED lamp over the whole length of the enclosure. Natural sunlight without glass is good for the species.

VOEDING

Furcifer verrucosus is an insectivore and eats large quantities. Offer crickets, grasshoppers, flies, moths, mealworms and superworms. Adults prefer large prey. The young grow quickly and eat large quantities.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is shy and easily stressed by onlookers. It is not handled, and a new animal needs several weeks of peace.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Madagaskar.