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KAMELEONS

Fischer's Chameleon

Kinyongia fischeri

Kinyongia fischeri is a large, green montane chameleon from the Nguru and Nguu Mountains in Tanzania. The male has a flattened rostral appendage and a crest of cone-shaped scales along the back. The species lays eggs and needs a cool, humid climate and a large, densely planted enclosure. Only a few animals of the true species have ever been exported, so its care is based on its closest relatives, and it suits the experienced keeper best.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleon fischeri; Bradypodion fischeri; Chamaeleon tornieri*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-40 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**6-7 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en bergbos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**27-29 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**12-16 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**9-12 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**12-20 eieren**
Incubatie	**240-330 dagen** bij 17-25 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
Almost nothing is known about the care of *Kinyongia fischeri* itself, because only a very few animals of the true species have been kept in captivity.

TEMPERATUUR
The temperatures are estimated from the montane climate. During the day it should be 20-25 °C with a basking spot of 27-29 °C, and at night the temperature should fall to 12-16 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
The humidity should be high, 70-100%, and highest at night and in the morning. The animal drinks droplets and should not be given a water bowl.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is diurnal and needs a bright, but not too hot, enclosure. UVB is recommended, and Ferguson zone 2 is an estimate for a montane chameleon.

VOEDING
Kinyongia fischeri eats insects such as crickets, roaches, silkworms, hornworms and locusts. The species in the group take anything that fits in the mouth, including smaller lizards.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Kinyongia fischeri is shy and is stressed by handling. Do not pick the animal up without reason, and give a new animal a few weeks in peace before it is handled. The species is kept singly, and males are territorial.

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Tanzania.