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KAMELEONS

Usambara Soft-horned Chameleon

Kinyongia tenuis

Kinyongia tenuis is a small, slender chameleon from the Usambara Mountains in Tanzania and the Shimba Hills in Kenya. It is brown and grey with a long tail and long legs and lives high up in damp, cool rainforest. The species lays eggs. It is rare in captivity, and its care is only sparsely described.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Bradypodion tenue; Kinyongia tenue; Chamaeleo tenuis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**15 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**5-7 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-25 °C**
Zonneplek	**26-28 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**14-18 °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 17-23 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
The species is rare in captivity, and its care is only sparsely described. This guide is based on the climate of its range and on the better-known species from the same area, *Kinyongia fischeri* and *Trioceros deremensis*.

TEMPERATUUR
The daytime temperature should be 20-25 °C with a moderate basking spot of 26-28 °C, and at night the temperature should fall to 14-18 °C. Heat above 30 °C must be avoided. Keep the air moving so that it does not become stagnant.

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

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

VOEDING
Kinyongia tenuis eats insects. Crickets, cockroaches, silkworms and small locusts of a suitable size are good choices, as for the related species. Feeder insects should be captive-reared and gut-loaded.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Chameleons are easily stressed by handling, and this probably applies to *Kinyongia tenuis* as well. Do not pick the animal up without reason.

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