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KAMELEONS

Crested Chameleon

Trioceros cristatus

Trioceros cristatus is a medium-sized chameleon from the lowland forests of West and Central Africa. The male has a tall, fan-shaped sail crest on the back and tail, and the skin between the throat scales is bright red or orange. The species is difficult to keep and needs constantly high humidity, so it is only for the very experienced keeper.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo cristatus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**25-28 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**3-5 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**23-25 °C**
Temperatuur ‘s nachts	**20-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**80-100%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**11-37 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
Incubatie	**240-300 dagen** bij 19-22 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Trioceros cristatus*, and the species is very difficult to keep, even for experienced keepers. An adult needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATUUR

The temperature should be fairly constant: 23-25 °C by day and only a couple of degrees lower at night, 20-23 °C. The species rarely basks, so a strong hot spot is not needed.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species requires an extremely humid, almost wet environment. An ultrasonic fogger that runs constantly and lays dew in the enclosure, and an even drip system during the day, cover the need.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal. It rarely basks, but benefits from plenty of UVB, and two UVB tubes over the enclosure can be used. Zone 2 is an estimate based on related forest chameleons such as *Trioceros deremensis*.

VOEDING

Trioceros cristatus is an insectivore. Most ordinary feeder insects are taken readily, but the species is not an aggressive hunter.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is kept individually. Temperament varies from shy (usually the males) to aggressive (usually the females). Several animals together cause stress, and handling is limited to what is necessary.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Equatoriaal-Guinea, Kameroen, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Nigeria, Ghana en Togo.