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KAMELEONS

Usambara Three-Horned Chameleon

Trioceros deremensis

Trioceros deremensis is a large, sturdily built chameleon from the mountain forests of eastern Tanzania. The male bears three long, ringed horns, while the female has none at all. The species is calm towards its keeper, but needs cool temperatures and very high humidity, and breeding is demanding, so it is only for very experienced keepers.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo deremensis*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-40 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**120-150 g**
Levensduur	**5-8 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Bergbos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-24 °C**
Temperatuur ‘s nachts	**18-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**80-100%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**9-12 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**8-60 eieren**
Incubatie	**110-130 dagen** bij 22 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult needs a mesh terrarium of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height). The size is an estimate: it is set slightly larger than for *Trioceros quadricornis*, because *T. deremensis* is larger and heavier.

TEMPERATUUR

The species is a mountain species and prefers moderate to cool temperatures. The daytime temperature should be 20-24 °C and the night temperature 18-20 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity should be at least 80 % and preferably higher. The species does best with an ultrasonic fogger aimed directly at the terrarium and a steady flow of dripping water, preferably directly over the animal.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and needs plenty of light. Use UVB fluorescent tubes and a weak heat lamp. The UVB zone has not been measured for the species.

VOEDING

Trioceros deremensis is insectivorous and usually has a large appetite. Offer varied food such as crickets, flies, grasshoppers and other feeder insects of suitable size.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is kept singly and is calm towards its keeper, but aggressive towards its own kind. It is sedentary, likes to choose one spot where it sits for a long time, and moves mostly to bask or eat.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Tanzania.