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KAMELEONS

Four-horned Chameleon

Trioceros quadricornis

Trioceros quadricornis is a medium-sized chameleon from the cool mountain forests of Cameroon and south-eastern Nigeria. The male carries several horns on the snout and a tall sail-like crest on the back. The species is shy, tolerates heat and dryness poorly, and many animals in the trade are wild-caught, so it is for the experienced keeper.

Familie: Chamaeleonidae Vroegere naam: *Chamaeleo quadricornis; Chamaeleo eisentrauti; Trioceros eisentrauti*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-37 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**3-7 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Bergbos**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 60 × 90 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**20-25 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**13-18 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-100%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**6 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**8-15 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**2-4**
Incubatie	**120-150 dagen** bij 20-23 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Kwetsbaar (VU)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult needs a mesh enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height), and preferably up to 120 cm high. Bigger is always better.

TEMPERATUUR

The species is a cool-loving mountain species. The daytime temperature should be 20-25 °C, and 22-25 °C is ideal. At night the temperature should drop by about 5 °C to 13-18 °C, and it must not be held up with lamps or heat mats.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be at least 50 % and preferably 70 % or more by day and rise towards 100 % at night. If humidity is persistently low, the animal dries out and develops kidney and respiratory diseases.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal. UVB fluorescent tubes are the best main light, and a small incandescent bulb is enough as a basking spot. Natural sunlight without glass is a great advantage, as ordinary window glass filters out UVB.

VOEDING

Trioceros quadricornis is insectivorous. Offer as varied a diet as possible: small moths, flies, snails, woodlice, crickets and superworms. Moths, flies and snails are seldom refused. Fatty waxworms are given only sparingly.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is kept singly. Housing animals together causes stress, and females can die of respiratory infection or stop eating. The species is shy and withdraws, and it is handled as little as possible.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Kameroen en Nigeria.