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KIKKERS

Chaco Horned Frog

Chacophrys pierottii

Chacophrys pierottii is a small, round horned frog from dry forest and scrub in the Gran Chaco of South America. It reaches 5-7 cm, burrows into loose soil and spends the dry season in a cocoon of shed skin. The species must live alone, eats mainly insects and is rarely seen in terrariums, so little is known about its care.

Familie: Ceratophryidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**5-7 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**3-5 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en droog bos**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**45 × 30 × 25 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-28 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**22-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Insecten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Kikkervisjes in het water**
Legplaats	**In het water**
Eieren per legsel	**900-2.000**
Larvenperiode	**14 dagen** van uitkomen tot metamorfose
Voeding van de larven	**Algen/planten en kant-en-klaar voer**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Chacophrys pierottii*. The recommendations here are borrowed from *Ceratophrys cranwelli*, which lives in the same region and has the same build and way of life.

TEMPERATUUR

By day the enclosure is kept at 24-28 °C and at night at 22-24 °C, which suits the warm, rainy season when the frog is active. A basking spot is not needed, but a heat mat on the side of the enclosure keeps the temperature stable.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN

Humidity is kept at 50-70 %. The substrate should be slightly damp all the way down. Mist every evening so that the top few centimetres become damp without standing in water.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

Provide a shallow, wide water dish where the frog can sit without having to swim and can easily climb out again; it absorbs water through its skin. Change the water daily, and use tap water treated against chlorine and chloramine.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

UVB is not necessary for *Chacophrys pierottii*, but a weak UVB tube (Ferguson zone 1) gives a clear day-night rhythm and does no harm, as long as the frog can burrow down. The night must be dark.

VOEDING

In the wild, adults eat mostly insects such as beetles, bees, ants and caterpillars, and occasionally other frogs. The staple diet in captivity is crickets, locusts, roaches and waxworms, preferably varied with earthworms.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Chacophrys pierottii is a loner that lies buried and still for long periods and strikes when prey passes by. It is most active at night.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Argentinië, Bolivia en Paraguay.