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Blue-legged Mantella

Mantella expectata

Mantella expectata is a small, diurnal frog from the dry rocky gorges of the Isalo massif in south-western Madagascar: lemon-yellow on the back, with sky-blue legs and black flanks. It grows to 2-3 cm, feeds on ants and other small arthropods and is short-lived: in the wild it lives for three years at most. It must be kept drier and slightly warmer than most other species in the genus.

Familie: Mantellidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**2-3 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**3-5 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Huidgif in het wild	**Mild**
Huidgif in gevangenschap	**Geen** Nakweekdieren. Wildvang kan het gif lang behouden
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Kikkervisjes in het water**
Legplaats	**Op de grond**
Eieren per legsel	**25-30**
Uitkomen	**3-12 dagen**
Larvenperiode	**42-56 dagen** van uitkomen tot metamorfose
Voeding van de larven	**Algen/planten en kant-en-klaar voer**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 4 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**20-26 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**16-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Kleine ongewervelden (springstaarten, fruitvliegen)**
Gehouden	**In groepen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
IUCN	**Bedreigd (EN)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Only limited knowledge exists on the care of *Mantella expectata*. The species is only occasionally bred in captivity.
TEMPERATUUR	During the day the temperature should be 20-26 °C, and at night 16-20 °C. The frog tolerates more heat than most other species in the genus, and a day at 28 °C does no harm.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN	The species comes from a dry area and needs lower humidity than the rainforest species. Keep it at 50-70 % day to day.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. Mantella frogs are poor swimmers, so the bowl must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	No UVB requirement is documented for the species. It does, however, live in open, sunlit terrain, so a weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is probably an advantage, provided there is shade and cover so the animals can choose.
VOEDING	The frog is an eager hunter. In the wild it feeds on ants, mites and other small arthropods. In the enclosure it takes prey up to crickets 2-3 weeks old and prefers them to fruit flies.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Mantella expectata* is diurnal and keeps to crevices and shade during the day. The males call and defend small territories. Outside the breeding season the animals are largely peaceful towards each other.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Madagaskar.