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Beautiful Mantella

Mantella pulchra

Mantella pulchra is a small, diurnal and rather shy frog from the humid forests and swamps of east-central Madagascar, brown with pale green spots and a more subdued pattern than its brightly coloured relatives. The females grow to 25 mm. It feeds on ants and other small arthropods and needs a cool, humid enclosure with many hides.

Familie: Mantellidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-25 mm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**4-8 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en moerasgebied**
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**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-18 maanden**
Eieren per legsel	**12-30**
Uitkomen	**3-12 dagen**
Larvenperiode	**56-112 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	**20-24 °C**
Temperatuur ‘s nachts	**16-18 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**70-100%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel** Fergusonzone 1
Voeding	**Kleine ongewervelden (springstaarten, fruitvliegen)**
Gehouden	**In groepen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Mantella pulchra*, and the species is rarely bred in captivity.
TEMPERATUUR	During the day the temperature should be 20-24 °C, and at night it may fall to 16-18 °C. The species tolerates 19-25 °C without problems, but a longer period above 25 °C causes stress and disease and can kill the animals.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN	Humidity should be high most of the time, 70-100 %. Mist the enclosure with dechlorinated water every day, heavily in warm weather and a little less when it is cold. The substrate should be damp, but not waterlogged.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. The 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, and the frogs manage without. A weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) can be used as an optional extra, provided there is shade and plants so the animals can choose.
VOEDING	The frog is an eager hunter and can eat relatively large prey for its size. In the wild the genus feeds mostly on ants and mites.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Mantella pulchra* is diurnal, but rather shy and may stay hidden among leaves and plants until food appears. The males patrol their area, call from the leaf litter and may wrestle with one another.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Madagaskar.