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SKINKEN

African fire skink

Mochlus fernandi

A heavy, fast skink from the forests of West Africa with vivid red-orange flanks, black and white crossbars and a bronze back. *Mochlus fernandi* burrows into moist substrate, needs warmth, UVB and moist substrate, and can live for 15-20 years.

Familie: Scincidae Vroegere naam: *Lepidothyris fernandi; Lygosoma fernandi; Riopa fernandi; Tiliqua fernandi*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**25-38 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**50-100 g**
Levensduur	**15-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**25-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**33-36 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3-9 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**3-5**
Incubatie	**55-65 dagen** bij 30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Mochlus fernandi lives on the ground and burrows, so floor area and substrate matter most. A single animal can be kept in 90 × 45 × 45 cm, while a pair needs at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATUUR

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the temperature should be 25-30 °C, and at the basking spot the surface should reach 33-36 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. The cool end should sit at about 24-26 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species needs high humidity in the substrate: 60-70 % around the animal's hiding places, while the surface in the warm end may be drier, down to about 40 %.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and belongs to Ferguson zone 2: it basks a little and needs moderate UVB. The UV index should be about 3 at the basking spot and lower elsewhere in the enclosure.

VOEDING

Mochlus fernandi is an insectivore. The staple is crickets, supplemented with cockroaches, mealworms, silkworms, snails and other insects of a suitable size. Prey should be no larger than the animal's head.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

The species is fast, slippery and somewhat shy. A new animal needs at least two weeks of peace before it is handled, and it should be lifted gently from below in a closed room so that it cannot escape.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Sierra Leone, Guinee, Liberia, Ivoorkust, Ghana, Nigeria, Kameroen, Equatoriaal-Guinea, Gabon en Congo-Brazzaville.