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Atlantic Slender Caecilian

Dermophis parviceps

Dermophis parviceps is a slender, limbless, burrowing caecilian from the rainforest and montane forest of Costa Rica and Panama. Adults are 20-27 cm long. It lives deep in moist soil and is probably live-bearing like the rest of the genus. The species has hardly been studied in captivity, so the care described here is based on experience with terrestrial caecilians.

Familie: Dermophiidae Vroegere naam: *Gymnopis parviceps; Siphonops parviceps*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**20-27 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**5-10 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Gravend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en bergbos**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**50 × 30 × 35 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-25 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**21-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**90-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Insecten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Ontwikkeling	**Levendbarend**
Worpgrootte	**1-16 jongen**
Broedzorg	**Geen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
The care described here is based on experience with terrestrial caecilians, especially *Dermophis mexicanus*, because *D. parviceps* has not been studied systematically in captivity.

TEMPERATUUR
The species is kept stable and warm: 22-25 °C by day and 21-23 °C at night. The soil temperature has not been measured in the wild. Fluctuations of more than about 3 °C and rapid changes are poorly tolerated.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN
The air in the box is almost saturated, 90-100 %, because the soil is moist. The moisture is maintained by misting the soil and turning over the top few centimetres now and then.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT
The species does not need a water bowl or a water area. The moisture comes from the soil, and condensation on the walls of the box is enough to drink from. A water bowl can make the soil too wet.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species lives underground, and a specific lighting programme is not necessary. The ordinary day-night rhythm of the room with 10-14 hours of light is enough.

VOEDING
Earthworms are the staple food and are taken by almost all terrestrial caecilians. For the small, slender *D. parviceps*, small earthworms or pieces of worm are suitable, and an adult is fed 5-10 small worms every other week.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
D. parviceps spends almost its whole life underground and is rarely seen on the surface; a healthy animal lies buried most of the time.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Costa Rica en Panama.