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CAMALEÕES

Senegal Chameleon

Chamaeleo senegalensis

Chamaeleo senegalensis is a medium-sized, arboreal chameleon from humid savanna and forest edges in tropical West Africa. It is a plain green to olive-brown and has no horns or skin flaps at all. The species is common in the trade, where almost all animals are wild-caught. It needs a tall mesh enclosure with UVB, drinks only droplets and must live alone.

Família: Chamaeleonidae Nome anterior: *Chamaeleo gymnocephalus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**20-30 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**3-5 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Savana e floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**5-6 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**20-70 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-3**
Incubação	**210-365 dias** a 22-27 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult needs a mesh enclosure of at least 45 × 45 × 90 cm (length × width × height). Bigger is always an advantage. Juveniles can be kept in 40 × 40 × 75 cm.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature in the enclosure should be 22-27 °C, and on a basking branch it should be 29-32 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Air humidity should be 50-70 %, and it is maintained by misting several times a day over the whole enclosure. Live plants help to hold the humidity, and a cold fogger or a timed misting system may be necessary.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light and UVB for 12 hours and darkness for 12 hours. UVB is necessary, because the animal makes D3 in its skin and needs it to absorb calcium.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species is an insectivore and needs live insects: crickets, silkworms, hornworms, cockroaches such as *Blaptica dubia* and the occasional superworm. Waxworms and mealworms are fatty and are given only now and then.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Chamaeleo senegalensis* is relatively calm compared with other chameleons, but it is an animal to watch and not one to pick up. Handling causes stress and may be done only when necessary.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Mauritânia, Senegal, Gâmbia, Guiné-Bissau, Guiné, Serra Leoa, Libéria, Costa do Marfim, Gana, Togo, Benin, Nigéria, Mali, Camarões, República Centro-Africana, Sudão do Sul e Sudão.