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CAMALEÕES

Spiny Chameleon

Furcifer verrucosus

Furcifer verrucosus is one of Madagascar's largest chameleons and lives in the hot, dry spiny forests of the south and south-west. The male reaches up to 57 cm and has a tall casque and a crest of spines along the back, while the female is far smaller and brownish. The species is shy, drinks a lot and requires strong heat, UVB and a cool period in winter.

Família: Chamaeleonidae Nome anterior: *Chamaeleo verrucosus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**21-57 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**2-5 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Semideserto e floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 60 × 120 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**25-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**31-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**15-22 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**15-25 °C** 8 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**6-10 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**30-50 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**270-365 dias** a 20-23 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	The male needs a mesh enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height), the female at least 60 × 60 × 90 cm. Height is the most important, and larger is better.
TEMPERATURA	The heat requirements are similar to those of *Chamaeleo calyptratus*. By day it should be 25-30 °C with a basking spot of 31-35 °C, and at night the temperature should fall by 5-8 °C, to 17-22 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The enclosure should be kept relatively dry, about 40-60 % humidity, and dry out between mistings. Even so, the species has the same need for water as other chameleons, and the habitat is dry but often humid in the air.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and basks in open, sunny areas. Give about 12 hours of light with a T5 HO tube or a powerful LED lamp over the whole length of the enclosure. Natural sunlight without glass is good for the species.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Furcifer verrucosus* is an insectivore and eats large quantities. Offer crickets, grasshoppers, flies, moths, mealworms and superworms. Adults prefer large prey. The young grow quickly and eat large quantities.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is shy and easily stressed by onlookers. It is not handled, and a new animal needs several weeks of peace.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.