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CAMALEÕES

Crested Chameleon

Trioceros cristatus

Trioceros cristatus is a medium-sized chameleon from the lowland forests of West and Central Africa. The male has a tall, fan-shaped sail crest on the back and tail, and the skin between the throat scales is bright red or orange. The species is difficult to keep and needs constantly high humidity, so it is only for the very experienced keeper.

Família: Chamaeleonidae Nome anterior: *Chamaeleo cristatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**25-28 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**3-5 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 60 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**23-25 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-23 °C**
Umidade	**80-100%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**11-37 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**240-300 dias** a 19-22 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Trioceros cristatus*, and the species is very difficult to keep, even for experienced keepers. An adult needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height).
TEMPERATURA	The temperature should be fairly constant: 23-25 °C by day and only a couple of degrees lower at night, 20-23 °C. The species rarely basks, so a strong hot spot is not needed.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species requires an extremely humid, almost wet environment. An ultrasonic fogger that runs constantly and lays dew in the enclosure, and an even drip system during the day, cover the need.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal. It rarely basks, but benefits from plenty of UVB, and two UVB tubes over the enclosure can be used. Zone 2 is an estimate based on related forest chameleons such as *Trioceros deremensis*.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Trioceros cristatus* is an insectivore. Most ordinary feeder insects are taken readily, but the species is not an aggressive hunter.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is kept individually. Temperament varies from shy (usually the males) to aggressive (usually the females). Several animals together cause stress, and handling is limited to what is necessary.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Guiné Equatorial, Camarões, República Centro-Africana, República do Congo, Gabão, Nigéria, Gana e Togo.

O guia completo com mapa e atualizações: herpy.org/en/chameleons/trioceros-cristatus