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CAMALEÕES

Meller's Chameleon

Trioceros melleri

Trioceros melleri is the largest chameleon on the African mainland. It grows up to 60 cm long, carries a single small horn on its snout and lives in bushy savannas and open woodland in Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique. The species needs a great deal of space, plenty of water and cool, humid nights, and belongs only with an experienced keeper.

Família: Chamaeleonidae Nome anterior: *Chamaeleo melleri; Ensirostris melleri*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**30-60 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**300-500 g**
Longevidade	**5-14 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Savana e floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 90 × 150 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**15-20 °C**
Umidade	**40-100%**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**15-80 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**180-270 dias** a 24-26 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 90 × 150 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is better. The species grows large and heavy, and a whole room or a large aviary is not too much.
TEMPERATURA	The daytime temperature in the enclosure should be 22-28 °C, and 29-32 °C at the basking spot under the lamp. Animals from coastal Tanzania do best at the warm end of the range. At night the temperature should drop to 15-20 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should follow the daily cycle: 40-50 % by day and over 90 % at night. Constant humidity causes respiratory infections and fungal problems, so all surfaces must dry out during the day.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and needs strong light for 12 hours a day. Use a T5 HO UVB tube in a single reflector along the length of the enclosure, and supplement with full-spectrum or plant lighting so that the plants thrive.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*T. melleri* is insectivorous. Offer varied, large feeder insects: crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, silkworm pupae, stick insects and black soldier fly larvae.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The species is kept singly for life. Males are strongly territorial, and even a pair in a large enclosure causes problems; two animals are brought together only briefly for mating.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Malaui, Moçambique e Tanzânia.