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CECÍLIAS

Taita African Caecilian

Boulengerula taitana

Boulengerula taitana is a small, limbless caecilian found only in the Taita Hills of south-eastern Kenya. The female lays a few eggs in a chamber in the soil and stays with them, and the newly hatched young feed on her outer layer of skin. The species is threatened, and almost nothing is known about keeping it in captivity.

Família: Herpelidae Nome anterior: *Boulengerula taitanus; Afrocaecilia taitana*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**24-30 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Escavador**
Habitat	**Floresta de montanha**
Toxinas na pele	**Nenhuma conhecida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**40 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**21-24 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**19-22 °C**
Umidade	**90-100%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Insetos e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Desenvolvimento direto (sem larvas)**
Local de postura	**No chão**
Maturidade sexual	**24 meses**
Ovos por temporada	**5**
Cuidado parental	**Vigia os ovos**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Em perigo (EN)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about keeping *Boulengerula taitana*. The climate in the Taita Hills is tropical but mild because of the altitude, with two rainy seasons, and the species lives in moist, loose soil.
TEMPERATURA	The soil temperature has not been measured for the species. 21-24 °C by day and 19-22 °C at night is an estimate that suits terrestrial caecilians and a mild mountain climate.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	The substrate must be evenly moist, and the air in the box is almost saturated, at 90-100 %.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The species does not need a water bowl or a water area. Condensation on the walls of the box is enough to drink from, and the water is used only to keep the substrate moist.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species lives underground and does not need UVB or any other lighting. The ordinary day-night rhythm of the room, with 10-14 hours of light, is enough. The box is kept dark and should not stand in direct sunlight.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild, *Boulengerula taitana* eats mainly termites and earthworms; the young take mostly earthworms. In captivity, small earthworms are the most realistic staple food.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Boulengerula taitana* lives hidden underground, and a healthy animal lies buried most of the time. The species is kept singly, so that weight and health are easy to monitor.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Quênia.