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CECÍLIAS

Atlantic Slender Caecilian

Dermophis parviceps

Dermophis parviceps is a slender, limbless, burrowing caecilian from the rainforest and montane forest of Costa Rica and Panama. Adults are 20-27 cm long. It lives deep in moist soil and is probably live-bearing like the rest of the genus. The species has hardly been studied in captivity, so the care described here is based on experience with terrestrial caecilians.

Família: Dermophiidae Nome anterior: *Gymnopis parviceps; Siphonops parviceps*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**20-27 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Escavador**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
Toxinas na pele	**Nenhuma conhecida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**50 × 30 × 35 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-25 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-23 °C**
Umidade	**90-100%**
Água	**Sem recipiente de água**
UVB	**Não necessário**
Alimentação	**Insetos e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Vivíparo**
Tamanho da ninhada	**1-16 filhotes**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	The care described here is based on experience with terrestrial caecilians, especially *Dermophis mexicanus*, because *D. parviceps* has not been studied systematically in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	The species is kept stable and warm: 22-25 °C by day and 21-23 °C at night. The soil temperature has not been measured in the wild. Fluctuations of more than about 3 °C and rapid changes are poorly tolerated.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	The air in the box is almost saturated, 90-100 %, because the soil is moist. The moisture is maintained by misting the soil and turning over the top few centimetres now and then.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The species does not need a water bowl or a water area. The moisture comes from the soil, and condensation on the walls of the box is enough to drink from. A water bowl can make the soil too wet.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species lives underground, and a specific lighting programme is not necessary. The ordinary day-night rhythm of the room with 10-14 hours of light is enough.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	Earthworms are the staple food and are taken by almost all terrestrial caecilians. For the small, slender *D. parviceps*, small earthworms or pieces of worm are suitable, and an adult is fed 5-10 small worms every other week.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*D. parviceps* spends almost its whole life underground and is rarely seen on the surface; a healthy animal lies buried most of the time.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Costa Rica e Panamá.