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Giant ground gecko

Chondrodactylus angulifer

A large, robust ground gecko from the deserts of south-western Africa. It has no adhesive pads, but short, spiny toes that give it grip in loose sand and make it a skilled digger. By day it sleeps in a burrow of its own making, and at night it hunts termites and other arthropods. In the terrarium it needs a deep layer of sand and a humid hide.

Família: Gekkonidae Nome anterior: *Chondrodactylus angulifer namibensis*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**15-18 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-11 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**27-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**35-50%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**10-12 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-4**
Incubação	**55-65 dias** a 28-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	A pair will manage in a terrarium of at least 60 × 40 × 40 cm (length × width × height), and the same size suits a single animal. If you are keeping a male with two females, a little more floor area is an advantage.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the background temperature should be 27-30 °C, with a cool zone of 24-25 °C and a local hot spot of around 35 °C. At night the temperature should fall to 18-24 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species comes from dry regions and must be kept dry. The humidity should be around 35-50 %, preferably a little lower in winter, and ventilation should be good. Avoid soaking the enclosure.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and spends the day underground, so it gets almost no direct sunlight. Keep the light on for 12-14 hours in summer and 8-10 hours in winter, controlled by a timer, and keep it completely dark at night.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The gecko has a good appetite and is not fussy. Crickets, locusts and cockroaches make a good staple diet, and mealworms and wax moth larvae can be given for variety.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The gecko is calm, but not an animal for handling. It can bite hard if grabbed, and it is best enjoyed by watching. If it has to be moved, do so calmly and close to the ground, and never take hold of the tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Namíbia, África do Sul e Botsuana.