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Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi

Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi is a sturdy, nocturnal rock gecko from the arid regions of Namibia and south-western Angola, with an olive back, dark crossbands and broad adhesive lamellae under the toes. Almost nothing is known about its care, but its close relatives are widely kept and give a good picture of its needs.

Família: Gekkonidae Nome anterior: *Pachydactylus fitzsimonsi; Pachydactylus laevigatus fitzsimonsi; Pachydactylus laevigatus tesselatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**7-9 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**6-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Rupícola**
Habitat	**Semideserto, savana e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**25-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**50-60 dias** a 27-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Almost nothing is known about the care of *Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi*.
TEMPERATURA	By day the temperature should be 25-28 °C, and under a spotlight a stone should be able to reach 32-35 °C, so that the animal can choose between warm and cool. At night the temperature should fall to 18-22 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The air should be dry, around 30-50 %, as in its natural range. Mist lukewarm water over part of the enclosure late in the evening so that the animal can lick the droplets, and let the substrate dry out again during the day.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and sleeps in the crevices by day, so it does not need strong light. Provide a 12-hour day and complete darkness at night, controlled by a timer. UVB is optional.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The animal eats live insects: crickets, cockroaches, grasshoppers and mealworms. Adults are fed 2-3 times a week, young animals more often. The insects must be no larger than the width of the head.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The behaviour of *Chondrodactylus fitzsimonsi* in captivity is not documented. Its relatives are shy, fast and unpredictable, so the species is for watching and not for handling. Keep the animals singly or in pairs.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Namíbia e Angola.