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Belep giant gecko

Correlophus belepensis

Correlophus belepensis is a large, rare gecko that lives only on a single small island in the Belep Islands north-west of Grande Terre in New Caledonia. It resembles its close relative *Correlophus ciliatus* and has a distinct crest of spines running from the eye down towards the shoulder. The species is critically endangered in the wild, and there is almost no knowledge of its care in captivity.

Família: Diplodactylidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**18-22 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-26 °C**
Ponto quente	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-21 °C**
Umidade	**50-80%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas e ração completa**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**60-120 dias** a 22-26 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	There is almost no knowledge of the care of *Correlophus belepensis*.
TEMPERATURA	During the day 22-26 °C is suitable for *Correlophus belepensis*, and a small area at the top may reach 26-28 °C. At night the temperature may fall to 18-21 °C. Too much heat is a greater risk than cold.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The humidity in the enclosure for *Correlophus belepensis* must fluctuate: humid nights and drier days. Mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, so the humidity rises to 70-80 %, and let it fall to 50-60 % during the day.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Correlophus belepensis* is crepuscular and nocturnal and sleeps hidden during the day.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Correlophus belepensis* is fed like its close relative *Correlophus ciliatus*, which feeds on fruit and insects. The staple is a ready-mixed powder diet for fruit-eating geckos, mixed with water into a thick paste.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	Like other crepuscular geckos, *Correlophus belepensis* is probably stressed by a lot of handling. Let new animals settle in for several weeks, and wait to pick them up until they are eating steadily.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Nova Caledônia.