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Termite hill gecko

Hemidactylus triedrus

Hemidactylus triedrus is a small, sturdily built night gecko from southern India and Sri Lanka, with white crossbands on a brown back and rows of pointed tubercles on the back. It lives on the ground and low tree trunks, hunts termites and other small insects and is a robust but somewhat specialised species for the keeper who has kept enclosures before.

Família: Gekkonidae Nome anterior: *Gecko triedrus; Hemidactylus subtriedrus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**6-8 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-8 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Rupícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**29-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-23 °C**
Umidade	**55-65%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**50-80 dias** a 26-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

A pair can be kept in an enclosure of at least 45 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height). Floor area matters more than height, because *Hemidactylus triedrus* mostly moves down near the ground and on low branches.

TEMPERATURA

By day the enclosure should be 24-27 °C, and a small warm spot may reach 29-32 °C. At night the temperature should be 21-23 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

The humidity should be around 55-65 %, but *Hemidactylus triedrus* is a semi-arid animal, so the humidity should fluctuate and the enclosure should be allowed to dry.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Hemidactylus triedrus is nocturnal, and UVB is optional. A weak UVB light at one end of the enclosure, with plenty of shade, can give more reliable calcium metabolism, especially for breeding animals.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Hemidactylus triedrus is an insectivore. In the wild it eats termites and other small insects such as grasshoppers, beetles and spiders.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Hemidactylus triedrus is fast and nervous, especially when young, and it is not an animal to be handled much. Short, calm handling over a low surface is best, and never grab the tail, which it can drop.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Índia e Sri Lanka.