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African fat-tailed gecko

Hemitheconyx caudicinctus

A quiet, ground-dwelling gecko from the savannas of West Africa with a thick, cone-shaped tail that works as a packed lunch. It is related to *Eublepharis macularius* and looks very like it, but wants it a little more humid. It is easy to keep and a good first choice for anyone who wants a calm gecko that lives down on the floor.

Família: Eublepharidae Nome anterior: *Stenodactylus caudi-cinctus; Psilodactylus caudicinctus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**18-23 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**40-75 g**
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana e floresta seca**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**25-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**40-70%**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**8-12 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**3-5**
Incubação	**43-70 dias** a 28-32 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO
A single adult gecko needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height), and larger is always better. It is the floor area that counts, because the species lives on the ground.

TEMPERATURA
Give the gecko a clear temperature gradient from one end to the other. The cool end should hold 25-28 °C, and the warm spot 30-32 °C measured on the surface. At night the temperature may fall to 20-24 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA
The species comes from dry regions, but should not be kept completely dry. Keep humidity in the enclosure at 40-60 %, and let it rise towards 70 % for periods, while the damp hide is always damp.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB
The gecko is active at dusk and at night and manages without UVB when it gets vitamin D3 through supplements. A weak UVB light can nevertheless be an advantage, because it imitates nature and can strengthen calcium metabolism.

ALIMENTAÇÃO
Hemitheconyx caudicinctus lives on insects. The staple diet is crickets, dubia roaches and the like, which have been fed well for a couple of days before being passed on.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO
Hemitheconyx caudicinctus is calm and easy to hold. It sleeps by day in a hide, so handle it in the evening, and give it a week or two to settle in before you pick it up.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL
Senegal, Gâmbia, Guiné, Mali, Burquina Faso, Costa do Marfim, Gana, Togo, Benin, Níger, Nigéria e Camarões.