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Kim Howell's dwarf gecko

Lygodactylus kimhowelli

Lygodactylus kimhowelli is a small, diurnal climber from the coastal forests of north-eastern Tanzania. It has a yellow head, a blue-grey body and black longitudinal stripes, and it wants sun, warmth and a tall enclosure with bromeliads and cork. It suits keepers with a little experience who want to watch a lively, territorial animal in daylight.

Família: Gekkonidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**9 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**5-8 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**40 × 40 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**25-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**50-85%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas e pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**14-18 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**75-100 dias** a 25-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

A pair of *Lygodactylus kimhowelli* needs an enclosure of at least 40 × 40 × 40 cm (length × width × height), and bigger is better, because the species is one of the larger members of the genus and lives up in the trees.

TEMPERATURA

Lygodactylus kimhowelli needs 25-30 °C by day and 18-24 °C at night. The upper part of the range suits summer, and in winter the night temperature may fall to 18-22 °C. The species loves sun and needs a basking spot at 30-35 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Mist the enclosure for *Lygodactylus kimhowelli* once or twice a day, preferably onto the plants, so the humidity by day is about 50-70 % and rises to 70-85 % at night.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Lygodactylus kimhowelli is diurnal and loves sun, so do not skimp on the light. Use, for example, two T5 tubes with a daylight spectrum, preferably with a UVA and UVB share, and a halogen spot as the heat spot.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Lygodactylus kimhowelli needs live prey of a size it can manage: small crickets, grasshoppers, flies, mealworm beetles, wax moth larvae, aphids, woodlice, cockroaches and springtails.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Lygodactylus kimhowelli is territorial and can be stressed by too many animals in too little space. Males must never be kept together, because they are very territorial.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Tanzânia.