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## Masobe gecko

# *Paroedura masobe*

A rare, dark, white-spotted gecko with large eyes from the humid forests of eastern Madagascar. The species is shy, needs a cool and humid climate and is threatened in the wild, so it suits the experienced keeper who is content to watch and not handle.

Família: Gekkonidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **16-20 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **8-10 anos** |
| Ativo | **À noite** |
| Estilo de vida | **Arborícola e terrestre** |
| Habitat | **Floresta tropical** |
| Dificuldade | **Experiente** |

### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **45 × 45 × 45 cm**<br>C × L × A para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, dia | **23-25 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **18-22 °C** |
| Umidade | **60-80%** |
| UVB | **Não necessário** |
| Alimentação | **Insetos, pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas) e minhocas/caracóis** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho ou em casal** |

### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Maturidade sexual | **12 meses** |
| Tamanho da postura | **1-2 ovos** |
| Posturas por ano | **3-5** |
| Incubação | **60-240 dias**<br>a 28 °C |

### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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| CITES | **Apêndice II** |
| Anexo da UE | **Anexo B** |
| IUCN | **Em perigo (EN)** |

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| O TERRÁRIO | An adult needs at least 45 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height) in glass or acrylic. Bigger is better, because the species uses both the floor and the low branches. |
| TEMPERATURA | By day the temperature should be 23-25 °C, and at night it may fall to 18-22 °C. The species does not need a heat lamp or a hotspot, and it tolerates cold better than heat: in winter the night may fall a little below 18 °C. |
| UMIDADE E ÁGUA | Humidity should be 60-80%. Mist the enclosure in the evening, so it is damp at night when the animal is active, and let it dry out a little during the day. A hygrometer shows whether the level holds. |
| ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB | The species is nocturnal and lives on the forest floor and in the foliage, so UVB is not necessary. An ordinary day and night rhythm is enough, ideally with 12 hours of light and 12 hours of dark. Use a timer. |
| ALIMENTAÇÃO | The species eats insects. Give crickets, roaches and mealworms. The insects must be matched to the size of the gecko, because both prey that is too large and prey that is too small is often ignored. |
| COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO | *Paroedura masobe* is shy and sensitive. It is best suited to being observed, not handled. Frequent disturbance and moving stress the animal and can make it refuse food, so keep handling to a minimum. |
| ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL | Madagascar. |