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Pristurus crucifer

Pristurus crucifer is a small, ground-dwelling gecko from the Horn of Africa and south-western Arabia. The body measures no more than about 4 cm from snout to vent. Like most of the genus, it is active by day, and it needs heat, strong light and UVB. The species is rare in captivity, so its care is based on close relatives.

Família: Sphaerodactylidae Nome anterior: *Gymnodactylus crucifer; Pristurus stefaninii*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**4 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 40 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**28-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-42 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-23 °C**
Umidade	**30-40%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**70-90 dias** a 28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

Little is known about the care of *Pristurus crucifer*. The climate in the range is hot and dry, and the species lives on the ground and hunts from a lookout in the sun.

TEMPERATURA

Create a clear gradient. The cool end is kept at 28-30 °C, and under a spotlight a basking spot of 38-42 °C is made. At night the temperature can fall to 20-23 °C without extra heat.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

The air should be dry, about 30-40 %. A dry substrate and good ventilation keep the humidity down, and a hygrometer shows whether the level holds.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Pristurus crucifer is active by day and basks, so light matters greatly. Provide strong daylight and a UVB tube, for example a T5 tube with 10-12 % UVB, above the basking spot.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

The species feeds on insects. Offer small feeder insects: springtails, fruit flies, small crickets and newly hatched cockroaches. Prey must not be wider than the distance between the animal's eyes.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Pristurus crucifer is a small, fast and wary animal that is not suited to handling. The tail can break off if you grab it. Pick the animal up only when necessary.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Arábia Saudita, Eritreia, Etiópia, Somália e Quênia.