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GECKOS

Rough-snouted giant gecko

Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus

Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus is a rare, nocturnal tree-dweller from New Caledonia with rough scales on the snout and an unusual trait: it gives birth to live young, which in the genus it shares only with a single close relative. The species is vulnerable in the wild and only rarely seen in enclosures, and the guide is partly based on experience with its closest relatives.

Família: Diplodactylidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**30-38 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 45 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**22-27 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**50-80%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos, frutas e ração completa**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Tamanho da ninhada	**1-2 filhotes**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Gestação	**150-240 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Não listado**
Anexo da UE	**Não listado**
IUCN	**Vulnerável (VU)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

The care of *Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus* is almost unknown, so the care advice is borrowed from the closely related *Rhacodactylus leachianus* and is a cautious starting point.

TEMPERATURA

By day 22-27 °C is suitable for *Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus*, and at night it may fall to 18-22 °C. A basking spot is unnecessary, because the species is nocturnal and belongs in a mild climate.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Keep the humidity for *Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus* at 50-80 %. Mist the enclosure thoroughly in the evening, so that it rises to 70-80 %, and let it fall again during the day, so that substrate and branches have time to dry.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus is nocturnal and probably, like the genus' other species, manages without UVB when the food contains vitamin D3. UVB is therefore optional.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Like all *Rhacodactylus* species, *Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus* is probably omnivorous, with insects and fruit as the main food and occasionally small lizards, nestling birds and rodents.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Males of *Rhacodactylus trachyrhynchus* often fight if they are together, while females are social and can be kept together. Therefore never keep two males in the same enclosure. A male can be kept alone or with one or two females.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Nova Caledônia.