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GECKOS

Big-scaled dwarf gecko

Sphaerodactylus macrolepis

One of the smallest geckos in the world: a diurnal dwarf gecko from the leaf litter on the islands east of Puerto Rico. Adults measure only 17-28 mm from snout to vent and tolerate neither drought nor heat. *Sphaerodactylus macrolepis* needs an enclosure with a deep, moist leaf-litter substrate and a steady supply of live micro-feeders, and it is therefore a species for the experienced keeper.

Família: Sphaerodactylidae Nome anterior: *Sphaerodactylus imbricatus; Sphaerodactylus danforthi*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**17-28 mm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Peso	**0,3 g**
Longevidade	**3-5 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**30 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-27 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**21-24 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1 ovos**
Incubação	**80-90 dias** a 26-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO
A pair needs an enclosure of at least 30 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height). Only one pair may be kept in each enclosure, because both males and females are aggressive towards other adults.

TEMPERATURA
Sphaerodactylus macrolepis prefers about 25 °C. Keep 24-27 °C by day and 21-24 °C by night, so the temperature falls slightly at night as in the wild.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA
The humidity should be 60-80 %, and down in the leaf litter the substrate must be moist all the time, so that there is a place in the enclosure where the humidity approaches 100 %, like under the leaves in the wild.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB
The species is regarded as diurnal but stays in shade and in the leaf litter and is seen mostly early and late in the day.

ALIMENTAÇÃO
In the wild the gecko lives mostly on small arthropods such as springtails, and it also takes fruit flies, both larvae and adults. This fits its size: the feeder animal must be smaller than the animal's head.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO
The gecko is fast, shy and very small, and it must not be handled. It can escape through even small openings, and even a light touch can injure it. Keep the enclosure closed and sealed, and work calmly with the substrate.

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