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GECKOS

Reef gecko

Sphaerodactylus notatus

A small, ground-dwelling dwarf gecko from Cuba, the Bahamas and southernmost Florida, no more than 5-6 cm long including the tail. *Sphaerodactylus notatus* is brown with dark spots and stripes on the head, is active mostly in the morning and evening in the leaf litter, and can be kept in pairs in a small, tight enclosure.

Família: Sphaerodactylidae Nome anterior: *Sphaerodactylus notatus amaurus; Sphaerodactylus notatus atactus; Sphaerodactylus notatus peltastes*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**5-6 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia e ao crepúsculo**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**20 × 20 × 20 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-22 °C**
Umidade	**60-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos e pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**6 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1 ovos**
Incubação	**70 dias** a 26 °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 *Sphaerodactylus notatus*, but the species is easy to keep. It is looked after like the related *Sphaerodactylus elegans* and *Sphaerodactylus macrolepis*.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 26-28 °C. A small fluorescent tube or a compact fluorescent bulb usually gives enough heat. A spotlight is not necessary and can easily overheat such a small enclosure.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Humidity should be around 70 %, and the substrate should be slightly damp. Mist the enclosure once a day, so that droplets sit on leaves and glass for the animal to drink, and also put out a small, shallow water dish.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Keep the light on for 12 hours a day in summer, and use small fluorescent tubes or compact fluorescent bulbs in daylight colour. During the winter rest period the days should be shorter. The need for UVB is not documented.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

The gecko feeds on small arthropods. Offer small crickets, small woodlice, springtails, small wax moths and wax moth larvae. Feeder insects must not be larger than the animal's head.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Keep one pair per enclosure. Not only the males but also the females can be very aggressive towards each other, so two animals of the same sex must not be housed together.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Cuba e Bahamas.