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Anderson's short-fingered gecko

Stenodactylus petrii

A small, sand-coloured desert gecko with large eyes and a thin, whip-like tail, which runs and burrows on the sand dunes of North Africa and southern Israel. It is nocturnal and wants warmth, relatively dry air, a humid hide and a cool winter rest. It is rare in the trade.

Família: Gekkonidae Nome anterior: *Stenodactylus elimensis*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**9-11 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**6-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 40 × 20 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-24 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou um macho com várias fêmeas**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Incubação	**60-80 dias** a 28-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Floor area matters more than height, because this gecko lives on the ground. A pair of *Stenodactylus petrii* needs at least 60 × 40 × 20 cm (length × width × height), and a plastic box will do perfectly well.
TEMPERATURA	Keep 24-29 °C by day with a small hot spot of 32-35 °C at one end, measured on the sand. Keep the hot spot mild, because drying out is the greatest danger for this species.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The air may be relatively dry, around 40-60%. Spray part of the enclosure 1-2 times a week in the evening, so the animals can drink the droplets. Spraying just before they come out often gets them to eat.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The gecko is nocturnal and hides from the light by day, but it needs a fixed daily rhythm.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The species lives on small insects. The staple diet is crickets, and for variety you can give mini mealworms, small waxworms and flightless fruit flies.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	By day the gecko stays hidden, but at night it is active and curious. In small groups the animals chase each other, dig tunnels under stones and pieces of wood, and come to the glass when something happens in the room.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Marrocos, Saara Ocidental, Argélia, Tunísia, Líbia, Egito, Israel, Sudão, Eritreia, Níger, Mali, Mauritânia e Senegal.