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Elegant gecko

Stenodactylus sthenodactylus

A small, nocturnal desert gecko from North Africa and the Middle East with sand-coloured, almost transparent skin and large eyes. It buries itself in the sand by day, chirps softly at night and lives on small insects. It is a species to watch, not to pick up.

Família: Gekkonidae Nome anterior: *Ascalabotes sthenodactylus; Stenodactylus elegans; Stenodactylus guttatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**7-10 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**6-10 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 4 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**24-29 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**19-24 °C**
Umidade	**20-40%**
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 27-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An enclosure of 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height) holds up to four adults, one male and three females, while 45 × 30 × 30 cm is enough for one animal or a pair. Bigger is always better.
TEMPERATURA	By day the enclosure should be 24-29 °C with a warm area at one end of 32-35 °C, measured on the sand, so the animal can choose between warm and cool places. At night the temperature may drop to 19-24 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	As a desert animal the species must be kept dry, with about 20-40% humidity and dry sand. Over 40-50% for any length of time is too much.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and needs no special lighting when the insects are dusted with calcium and vitamin D3.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The gecko is an insectivore. Use small crickets as the staple diet, and alternate with small dubia roaches, micro mealworms and flightless fruit flies. Waxworms are fatty and are given only as an occasional treat.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	The gecko is fast and shy and should not be picked up, because the thin skin tears easily. If you need to move an animal, let it run into a cupped hand or into a small box, and close it over so it does not jump.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Egito, Líbia, Tunísia, Argélia, Sudão, Sudão do Sul, Eritreia, Etiópia, Djibuti, Quênia, Mali, Israel, Territórios palestinos, Jordânia, Síria e Arábia Saudita.