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GECKOS

Henkel's leaf-tailed gecko

Uroplatus henkeli

One of the largest leaf-tailed geckos, from the forests of north-western Madagascar. By day it lies flat and almost invisible on a tree trunk, and at night it hunts in the branches. It is calm towards conspecifics and can be bred, but it tolerates neither heat nor drought and belongs with an experienced keeper.

Família: Gekkonidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**20-30 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**50-80 g**
Longevidade	**7-11 anos**
Ativo	**À noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**12-18 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**1-2 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-5**
Incubação	**100-230 dias** a 18-26 °C

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 60 × 100 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**22-26 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**17-21 °C**
Umidade	**60-100%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos**
Mantido	**Sozinho, em casal ou em grupo**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Vulnerável (VU)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	A pair needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 60 × 100 cm (length × width × height), and a group of three to five animals fits in 90 × 90 × 120 cm.
TEMPERATURA	By day it should be 22-26 °C, and at night the temperature should fall to 17-21 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be high: from about 60 % during the day and up towards 100 % right after misting. Mist once or twice a day, so that droplets form on leaves and glass, which the animals drink.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is nocturnal and can manage without UVB when the supplement contains vitamin D3, but it is a good idea to offer it, because in the wild the animals receive diffused UV light through the foliage.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Uroplatus henkeli* feeds on insects and other small animals.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	By day the gecko sits perfectly still and camouflaged on a trunk or on the glass. It is an animal to watch, not to handle. Touch stresses it, and it may shed its tail, which regrows and looks like the old one.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.