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SAPOS E RÃS

Bernhard's Mantella

Mantella bernhardi

Mantella bernhardi is the smallest frog in the genus, only 19-22 mm, with black flanks and orange undersides on the limbs. It lives in humid lowland forest in south-eastern Madagascar. The species is vulnerable in the wild, and almost nothing is known about its care, so this guide is based on the requirements of the genus: cool, humid and small arthropods.

Família: Mantellidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**19-22 mm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**4-8 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e área úmida**
Toxinas na pele na natureza	**Leves**
Toxinas na pele em cativeiro	**Nenhuma** Animais nascidos em cativeiro. Animais capturados na natureza podem manter as toxinas por muito tempo
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Girinos na água**
Local de postura	**No chão**
Maturidade sexual	**12-18 meses**
Ovos por postura	**12-30**
Eclosão	**3-12 dias**
Fase larval	**56-112 dias** da eclosão até a metamorfose
Alimentação das larvas	**Algas/plantas e ração completa**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 4 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**20-23 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-18 °C**
Umidade	**70-100%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Em grupo**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
IUCN	**Vulnerável (VU)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Almost nothing is known about keeping *Mantella bernhardi*, and the species is only rarely kept. Its care is therefore based on the habitat in humid lowland forest and on the requirements of the genus.
TEMPERATURA	The temperature should be 20-23 °C during the day and 16-18 °C at night. The figures are borrowed from *M. aurantiaca*.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	Humidity should be 70-100 %. Mist the enclosure daily with decalcified water, heavily in warm weather and a little less when it is cold. The substrate should be damp, but not waterlogged.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Place a shallow water dish in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. The frogs are poor swimmers, so the dish must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is not documented as necessary for the species. A weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is an option when there is shade and plants so the animals can choose, but it is optional. Light for the plants should not give off heat.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*M. bernhardi* is the smallest in the genus, so the food must be smaller than for the others. The genus hunts ants, mites and other small arthropods.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*M. bernhardi* is diurnal. The males call from the leaf litter, and they defend territories against one another. The animals are best kept in a small group with many hiding places and plenty of space.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.