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SAPOS E RÃS

Cowan's Mantella

Mantella cowanii

Mantella cowanii is a small, diurnal frog from the highlands of central Madagascar, glossy black with bright red to orange limbs. It grows to about 2-3 cm and is one of the most heat-sensitive in the genus: the enclosure must be kept cool all year round. The species is threatened in the wild, so only captive-bred animals should be considered.

Família: Mantellidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**2-3 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta de montanha 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	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 4 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**18-21 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-18 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Em grupo**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Girinos na água**
Local de postura	**No chão**
Maturidade sexual	**12-18 meses**
Ovos por postura	**50-130**
Eclosão	**3-12 dias**
Fase larval	**56-98 dias** da eclosão até a metamorfose
Alimentação das larvas	**Algas/plantas e ração completa**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
IUCN	**Em perigo (EN)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about keeping *Mantella cowanii*. The species is rare in captivity and is mostly kept without breeding.
TEMPERATURA	The temperature should be 18-21 °C during the day and 16-18 °C at night. This is cooler than for other species in the genus, because the species comes from the highlands at 1,300-2,140 metres above sea level.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	Humidity should be 60-80 % (borrowed from *M. baroni*), and the substrate damp but not waterlogged. Mist the enclosure daily with decalcified water.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Place a shallow water dish in the enclosure, and keep it full. The frogs are poor swimmers, so the dish must be so shallow that they can easily get out. The depth is not documented; a couple of centimetres is plenty.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The UVB requirement is not documented for the species, but it is diurnal, so a weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is probably an advantage, provided there is shade and plants so the animals can choose.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild the species feeds on ants, millipedes and mites.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Mantella cowanii* is diurnal and can be seen patrolling and hunting for food for most of the day. The males call with short, single clicks and defend their territory.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.