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Blue-legged Mantella

Mantella expectata

Mantella expectata is a small, diurnal frog from the dry rocky gorges of the Isalo massif in south-western Madagascar: lemon-yellow on the back, with sky-blue legs and black flanks. It grows to 2-3 cm, feeds on ants and other small arthropods and is short-lived: in the wild it lives for three years at most. It must be kept drier and slightly warmer than most other species in the genus.

Família: Mantellidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**2-3 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**3-5 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e terreno rochoso**
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**
Ovos por postura	**25-30**
Eclosão	**3-12 dias**
Fase larval	**42-56 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	**20-26 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**16-20 °C**
Umidade	**50-70%**
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	**Em perigo (EN)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Only limited knowledge exists on the care of *Mantella expectata*. The species is only occasionally bred in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the temperature should be 20-26 °C, and at night 16-20 °C. The frog tolerates more heat than most other species in the genus, and a day at 28 °C does no harm.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	The species comes from a dry area and needs lower humidity than the rainforest species. Keep it at 50-70 % day to day.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. Mantella frogs are poor swimmers, so the bowl must be so shallow that they can easily get out, and it must not take up much of the floor.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	No UVB requirement is documented for the species. It does, however, live in open, sunlit terrain, so a weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is probably an advantage, provided there is shade and cover so the animals can choose.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	The frog is an eager hunter. In the wild it feeds on ants, mites and other small arthropods. In the enclosure it takes prey up to crickets 2-3 weeks old and prefers them to fruit flies.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Mantella expectata* is diurnal and keeps to crevices and shade during the day. The males call and defend small territories. Outside the breeding season the animals are largely peaceful towards each other.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.