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SAPOS E RÃS

Guibé's Mantella

Mantella nigricans

Mantella nigricans is a small, diurnal frog from the forests along streams in northern and north-eastern Madagascar. It grows to 28 mm and is patterned in green, brown and black with a black belly and blue spots. The species is closely related to *Mantella baroni*, is kept like it and tolerates a wider temperature range than many species in the genus.

Família: Mantellidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**27-28 mm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**5-10 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
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	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 4 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**21-24 °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**

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	**42-56 dias** da eclosão até a metamorfose
Alimentação das larvas	**Algas/plantas e ração completa**
Cuidado parental	**Nenhum**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Mantella nigricans*, which is only rarely kept.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the temperature should be 21-24 °C and at night 16-18 °C. The species does well in a wider range than many species in the genus, and 19-26 °C is fine, but longer periods above 26 °C must be avoided.
UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO	The species lives along streams in rainforest and needs more humidity than *Mantella baroni* and the species that come from dry regions: 70-100 % all year round.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Place a shallow water bowl in the enclosure, and keep it full at all times. The 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. A weak UVB light (Ferguson zone 1) is optional and is probably an advantage, provided there is shade and plants so the animals can choose.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Mantella nigricans* is an eager hunter and prefers crickets and large fruit flies (*Drosophila hydei*) to small fruit flies and springtails. In the wild the diet consists mainly of ants, mites and other small arthropods.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Mantella nigricans* is diurnal and lives mostly on the ground near running water. The animals are rather withdrawn, and the males often call half hidden under dead leaves.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Madagascar.