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SAPOS-FLECHA

Green and Black Poison Dart Frog

Dendrobates auratus

Dendrobates auratus is a diurnal poison frog of 3-5 cm from the rainforests of Central America and north-western Colombia, black with metallic green, blue or bronze markings. It is calm, thrives in groups and is regarded as one of the easiest poison frogs to keep and breed, provided humidity, food and temperature are right.

Família: Dendrobatidae Nome anterior: *Phyllobates auratus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**3-5 cm** comprimento focinho-cloaca
Longevidade	**8-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical**
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**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Desenvolvimento	**Girinos carregados até a água**
Local de postura	**No chão**
Maturidade sexual	**8-12 meses**
Ovos por postura	**3-7**
Eclosão	**10-14 dias**
Fase larval	**42-80 dias** da eclosão até a metamorfose
Alimentação das larvas	**Algas/plantas e ração completa**
Cuidado parental	**Vigia os ovos e carrega os girinos**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**45 × 45 × 45 cm** C × L × A para 2 adultos
Temperatura, dia	**21-25 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-21 °C**
Umidade	**70-100%**
Água	**Recipiente de água** profundidade 1-2 cm
UVB	**Opcional** Zona de Ferguson 1
Alimentação	**Pequenos invertebrados (colêmbolos, drosófilas)**
Mantido	**Em casal ou em grupo**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

Allow at least about 38 litres per adult frog. A terrarium of 45 × 45 × 45 cm (about 90 litres) is therefore the minimum for a pair of *D. auratus*, and a trio or a small group needs at least 60 × 45 × 45 cm.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 21-25 °C and at night 18-21 °C. The temperature must not exceed 27 °C for long, and above 29 °C can be fatal. Brief cold down to 16 °C is tolerated better than heat. Do not use a heat lamp.

UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO

Humidity should be 70-100 %. Mist thoroughly once or twice a day with reverse osmosis water or dechlorinated tap water, so that plants and leaf litter become wet, and let the surface dry out a little between mistings.

ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA

D. auratus is fond of water and seeks it out both to hide and to breed, so a shallow water dish or a small water feature is a good idea. 1-2 cm of water is enough, and there must be a sloping edge or stones so that the frogs can easily climb out.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

The plants need light, and an LED plant lamp that does not give off much heat is suitable. Day length has not been documented for the species; 12 hours of light is common practice.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Dendrobates auratus eats small arthropods. Flightless fruit flies are the obvious staple, because they are easy and cheap to keep in culture.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Dendrobates auratus is diurnal and peaceful and shows almost no aggression in most situations. It can be somewhat shy, but dense planting, hiding places and a small water feature make it show itself more.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Nicarágua, Costa Rica, Panamá e Colômbia.