

Crested Gecko

Rhacodactylus ciliatus

Cites status

not protected!

Habitat

Southeast-New Caledonia and Île de Pins

in the leaves roof of damp-hot lowland rainforests, dusk and night active

Size

up to 21 cm

Life Expectancy

over 7 years

Reproduction

2 soft-shelled eggs, up to 9 clutches in a short period of time. Incubation period at 26-28°C between 60-120 days.

Temperature

air temperature between 24-28°C, locally up to 28-30°C. Night-time temperature drop to 22°C if possible.

Humidity

70-100%

Lighting

Daylight fluorescent tubes, if necessary UV tubes (see Fluorescent Lighting). For sufficient UV radiation we recommend UV Lamps or the Arcadia D3 Compact. Incandescent Lighting for the creation of local heat spots.

Substrate

loose, absorptive substrate (see cage substrate).

Cage Furniture

amongst others vertical climbing facilities (in varying strenghts), additionally it is recommended to encase rear and side panels in cork. Planting is possible (Ficus benjamina, F. pumila, Scindapsus etc.). Various hiding places (branch-excavates, bamboo) and a water bowl - possibly with water fall or similar round off the terrarium configuration.

Terrarium Size

for a pair: 60 x 50 x 100 cm (LxBxH)

food

Insects (e.g. small crickets, house crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, flies, wax moths, etc.), fruit mash. Also products from the Zoo Med Can o' Series. Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

Comments

hiding places have to be controllable at all times. It is recommended to hold down the temperatures during wintertime.

