

Meller's Chameleon

Chamaeleo melleri

Cites status

Cites Appendix II, obligation to keep records and to register!

Habitat

Malawi, North-Mozambique, Tanzania

bush-savannahs, especially in treetops

Size

up to 60cm, females somewhat smaller

Life Expectancy

up to 12 years

Reproduction

up to 70 eggs

Temperature

at day 25-32°C, local heat spots 35-40°C, at night 18-24°C

Humidity

ca. 50-60%, at night up to 80%

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

sturdy climbing facilities, blinds for rear and side panels, planting is possible (Ficus benjamina, Scindapsus sp., Epipremnum sp., Hoya sp., etc.). Many hiding places. Good air circulation is required! A dripper is recommended (see Water Bowls)

Terrarium Size

Minimum requirement for one animal is a ratio of 4x2.5x4 (LxWxH) of snout-vent-length. A size of at least 120x80x200cm is recommended.

food

Insects (e.g. crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, super mealworms, wax moths, etc.) also products from the Zoo Med Can o' Series. Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

Comments

Species can also be kept without terrarium in your residence. Males are irreconcilable amongst each other, group keeping may be possible with females.

