

African Fat Tail Gecko

Hemitheconyx caudicinctus

Distribution: West Africa

Size: 7" - 8"

Natural habitat Indigenous of savanna, woodland, and scrubland habitats of West Africa. This species is terrestrial. When captive, adults require a 20 gallon enclosure.

Behavior: Most will become tame with regular handling. Males can become territorial, separate from other males. This species is nocturnal (active primarily at night).

Captive environment: Use full spectrum lighting 12-14 hours per day. Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone. Provide rocky basking areas, likes crevices and caves.

Temperature: Day temperature should be gradient from 78 to 90 degrees F. Maintain night temperature range between 70-75 degrees F. Use reptile heating pads under tank for 24-hour heat.

Humidity: This species requires low to moderate levels of humidity.

Water requirements: Provide a large shallow bowl for drinking and soaking.

Nutritional requirements: This species is a carnivore (meat eater). Also feeds on small mammals such as pink baby mice. Always offer variety for proper nutrition. Eats variety of larger worms (earthworms, meal/wax worms). Dust food with calcium and vitamins. Eats crickets.

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