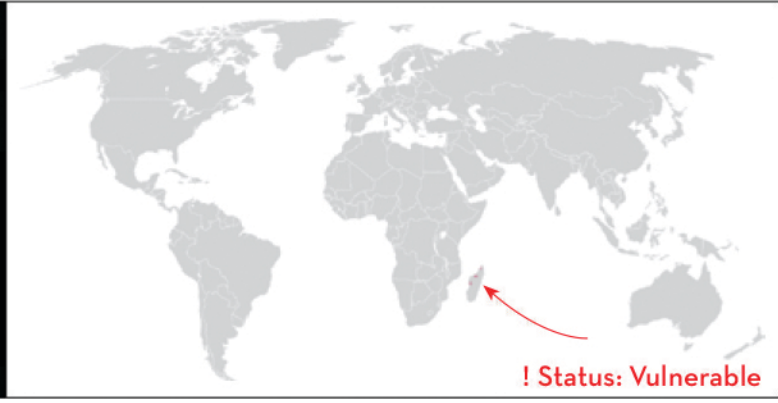


HENKEL'S LEAF-TAILED GECKO

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| Range | Found on the island of Nosy Bé near Madagascar, as well as on the mainland of Madagascar itself, in the region of Ankaranafantsika |
| Habitat | Rainforests at low altitudes |
| Diet (wild) | Insectivorous; sometimes snails |
| Diet (captivity) | |
| Description | Length: 9 inches. Coloration is a variation of gray or brown with intermittent lighter shades to mimic tree bark, lichen, and dead leaves. Fringe of skin around head and body further improves camouflage. The relatively short, broadly flattened tail resembles a leaf. Large toe pads provide superb adhesion for climbing. Also has a large triangular head with bulging eyes, which may be pink, brown, or beige with red spots and vertical pupils. |
| Lifespan | Estimated: 7 years; up to 10 years in captivity |
| Reproduction | Female lays two eggs, sometimes three. Amplexus may range from five minutes to several hours. Eggs hatch after 70–120 days. |
| Behavior | Arboreal and nocturnal. Mainly lives on tree trunks but may lay eggs under fallen leaves or logs. Exhibits caudal autotomy or self amputation: tail grows back different than original. May omit a loud distress call to frighten predators. |
| Our animals | 4 males |
| Cool stuff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The leaf-tailed gecko is currently classified as vulnerable by the IUCN. Habitat destruction and deforestation in Madagascar is the primary threat to this animal's future as well as collection for the pet trade. |

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ChordataClass
ReptiliaOrder
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