



LEOPARD GECKO

(Eublepharis macularius)

ANIMAL FACTS

WILD LOCALITY:

India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, & Iraq

HABITAT:

Rocky Scrubs, Rocky Deserts, & Sparse Grasslands

LIFESTYLE:

Terrestrial (ground-dwelling)

NATURAL DIET:

Worms, Insects, Spiders, & Scorpions (insectivore)

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

15-20 years in the care of humans (less in the wild)

ADULT SIZE:

6-10" & 50-80g

ACTIVITY:

Crepuscular (most active at dawn & dusk)

CONSERVATION STATUS:

Least Concern

THREATS:

Habitat Loss, Mining, & Importation

FUN FACTS:

Leopard Geckos are one of the few species of geckos which possess fully functional eyelids! Like all gecko species, they can also lick their own eyeballs with their tongue, though the Leopard Gecko does not have to do so as often as others, since they can blink. Another unique trait that they do not share with other geckos is their inability to climb walls or trees, therefore the Leopard Gecko is a strictly terrestrial species. As with all geckos, when shedding their skin (usually in one or two large pieces) the Leopard Gecko consumes its own shed afterwards.