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## Northern Caiman Lizard

# *Dracaena guianensis*

*Dracaena guianensis* is a large, powerfully built, semi-aquatic lizard from the Amazon with a green body, a reddish-orange head and a broad, laterally compressed swimming tail. It grows to nearly 125 cm and feeds almost exclusively on snails and mussels, which it crushes with flat molar-like teeth. The species needs a very large, warm and humid vivarium with a large water section and an experienced keeper.

Familia: Teiidae  Nombre anterior: *Teius crocodilurus*

DATOS CLAVE

### EL ANIMAL

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| Tamaño adulto | **100-125 cm**<br>longitud total con la cola |
| Esperanza de vida | **10-15 años** |
| Activo | **De día** |
| Modo de vida | **Arborícola y semiacuático** |
| Hábitat | **Selva tropical y humedal** |
| Dificultad | **Avanzado** |

### CUIDADOS

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| Terrario mín. | **180 × 90 × 120 cm**<br>L × An × Al para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, día | **27-32 °C** |
| Punto caliente | **38-41 °C** |
| Temperatura, noche | **24-27 °C** |
| Humedad | **60-80 %** |
| Agua | **Zona de agua**<br>profundidad 30-40 cm |
| Temperatura del agua | **24-29 °C** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentación | **Insectos, vertebrados y lombrices/caracoles** |
| Se mantiene | **En solitario** |

### CRÍA

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| Reproducción | **Ovípara** |
| Tamaño de la puesta | **4-7 huevos** |
| Incubación | **160-180 días**<br>a 28-30 °C |

### PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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| CITES | **Apéndice II** |
| Anexo de la UE | **Anexo B** |
| UICN | **Preocupación menor (LC)** |

## Cuidados de un vistazo

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| **EL TERRARIO** | Only limited knowledge exists about the care of *Dracaena guianensis*, and the species is a demanding animal. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | During the day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a strong basking branch over the water with a surface temperature of 38-41 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer. |
| **HUMEDAD Y AGUA** | Humidity should be 60-80%. The water section and plants retain moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A misting system or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large vivarium. |
| **AGUA Y CALIDAD DEL AGUA** | The animal must be able to lie in water and dive completely under, so the water section is a permanent part of the vivarium and not just a bowl. |
| **ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB** | *Dracaena guianensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day. |
| **ALIMENTACIÓN** | In the wild *Dracaena guianensis* eats almost nothing but snails and mussels. Give snails as the staple diet: farmed land snails (e.g. *Helix* and *Achatina*) without the shell, thawed or tinned. |
| **COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN** | *Dracaena guianensis* is intelligent, curious and normally calm, but it is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail. |
| **ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL** | Brasil, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú y Guayana Francesa. |