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LACÉRTIDOS

Paraguay Caiman Lizard

Dracaena paraguayensis

Dracaena paraguayensis is a large, heavily built, semi-aquatic lizard from the flooded lowlands of Paraguay, Bolivia and Mato Grosso in Brazil. It has a large, heavy head and flat, molar-like teeth that crush the shells of snails and mussels, its main food. Its care is hardly documented and requires a very large, warm paludarium and an experienced keeper.

Familia: Teiidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**80-100 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**10-15 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y semiacuático**
Hábitat	**Sabana y humedal**
Dificultad	**Avanzado**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**180 × 90 × 120 cm** 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** profundidad 30-40 cm
Temperatura del agua	**24-29 °C**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos, vertebrados y lombrices/caracoles**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

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

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Almost nothing is known about the care of *Dracaena paraguayensis*, and the species is rarely kept and is demanding.
TEMPERATURA	By day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a powerful 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 hold moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A fogger or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large enclosure.
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 enclosure and not just a bowl.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	*Dracaena paraguayensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day.
ALIMENTACIÓN	In the wild *Dracaena paraguayensis* eats almost only snails and mussels.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	*Dracaena paraguayensis* is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail. Threatened animals lash with the tail and bite.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Paraguay, Brasil y Bolivia.