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SERPIENTES

Pacific Ground Boa

Candoia carinata

Candoia carinata is a small, slender boa with keeled scales and a prehensile tail from forests in Indonesia, New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago. It reaches 45-60 cm, is nocturnal and eats lizards and frogs when young, later also rodents. It gives birth to live young and is kept in a small, warm, humid enclosure with branches and a water bowl.

Familia: Boidae Nombre anterior: *Boa carinata; Enygrus carinatus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**45-60 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**10-15 años**
Activo	**De noche**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y terrestre**
Hábitat	**Bosque seco y selva tropical**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**80 × 40 × 50 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**26-28 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**24-26 °C**
Humedad	**50-80 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**No necesario**
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Vivípara**
Tamaño de la camada	**5-15 crías**
Gestación	**210-270 días**

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little is known about the care of *Candoia carinata*, so the recommendations also build on experience with other species in the genus *Candoia*.
TEMPERATURA	By day the enclosure should be 26-28 °C, warmest at one end so that the snake can choose, and 24-26 °C at night.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	Humidity should stay at 50-80%. Keep the substrate slightly damp, and mist the enclosure once or twice a week, and more often when the snake is about to shed. Adults typically shed about three times a year.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	The species is nocturnal and needs a fixed day-night rhythm of 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness controlled by a timer. The enclosure should not be brightly lit.
ALIMENTACIÓN	Adult *Candoia carinata* are fed one suitably sized rodent every 3-4 weeks. The species is not very active and has a slow metabolism.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	*Candoia carinata* is quiet and spends the day hidden. Captive-bred animals are normally calm and seldom bite; wild-caught animals can be bad-tempered.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Indonesia y Papúa Nueva Guinea.