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SERPIENTES

Amazon Tree Boa

Corallus hortulana

Corallus hortulana is a slender, arboreal boa from the Amazon and the Guiana region. It reaches 120-190 cm, comes in many colours and lies in wait for prey on a branch at night. It is often defensive and suits an experienced keeper with room for a large enclosure.

Familia: Boidae Nombre anterior: *Corallus hortulanus; Corallus enydris*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**120-190 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-20 años**
Activo	**De noche**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola**
Hábitat	**Sabana, bosque seco y selva tropical**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 90 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**27-29 °C**
Punto caliente	**31-34 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**21-24 °C**
Humedad	**40-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Opcional** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Vivípara**
Madurez sexual	**36-48 meses**
Tamaño de la camada	**2-29 crías**
Puestas por año	**1**
Gestación	**180-240 días**

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

An adult *Corallus hortulana* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height). The species is active and moves mostly horizontally between the branches, so floor area matters more than height.

TEMPERATURA

During the day the temperature in the enclosure should be 27-29 °C. Over a branch at one end, a heat lamp should provide a basking spot of 31-34 °C, which the snake uses for a few hours a day.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Corallus hortulana comes from a tropical climate, and the humidity should be 40-70 %, highest at night and lower during the day, when the heat dries the air. Raise it slightly during a shed.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

Corallus hortulana is nocturnal, and UVB is not necessary. A weak UVB light (zone 2, a UV index of about 2-3 at the basking spot) can support the daily rhythm, but the figure is borrowed from *Corallus caninus*.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Corallus hortulana eats rodents, and most take mice from the first day. Give frozen and thawed prey on long tongs, not live. The prey must be no more than 20 % wider than the snake's body at its widest point.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Corallus hortulana is often nervous and defensive and not an animal for frequent handling. The snake can reach at least half its body length when it strikes, and the long teeth cause deep wounds.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Surinam, Guayana Francesa, Brasil, Ecuador, Perú y Bolivia.