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## Rough-scaled Sand Boa

# *Eryx conicus*

*Eryx conicus* is a small, heavily built sand boa from arid South Asia. It lies buried in loose soil with only its eyes and snout above the surface, waiting for prey. The female grows almost twice as long as the male. The species is calm and hardy, gives birth to live young and suits a beginner, although some animals are fussy feeders.

Familia: Boidae  Nombre anterior: *Gongylophis conicus*

DATOS CLAVE

### EL ANIMAL

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| Tamaño adulto | **45-95 cm**<br>longitud total con la cola |
| Esperanza de vida | **15-20 años** |
| Activo | **Al crepúsculo y de noche** |
| Modo de vida | **Terrestre y excavador** |
| Hábitat | **Semidesierto y bosque seco** |
| Dificultad | **Principiante** |

### CUIDADOS

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| Terrario mín. | **75 × 40 × 30 cm**<br>L × An × Al para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, día | **26-28 °C** |
| Punto caliente | **30-32 °C** |
| Temperatura, noche | **22-26 °C** |
| Humedad | **50-65 %** |
| Agua | **Bebedero** |
| UVB | **Opcional** |
| Alimentación | **Vertebrados** |
| Se mantiene | **En solitario** |

### CRÍA

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| Reproducción | **Vivípara** |
| Tamaño de la camada | **7-12 crías** |
| Puestas por año | **1** |
| Gestación | **120-150 días** |

### PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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| CITES | **Apéndice II** |
| Anexo de la UE | **Anexo B** |
| UICN | **Casi amenazada (NT)** |

## Cuidados de un vistazo

**EL TERRARIO**

An adult needs an enclosure of at least 75 × 40 × 30 cm (length × width × height); large females approaching 90 cm need 90 × 45 × 30 cm. The species uses almost no height, so floor area is what counts.

**TEMPERATURA**

*Eryx conicus* needs a warm end and a cool end. The basking spot should be 30-32 °C, and the rest of the enclosure 26-28 °C by day. At night the temperature can fall to 22-26 °C, but this is not necessary for the snake's health.

**HUMEDAD Y AGUA**

The species comes from dry regions, but humidity should be 50-65% so that shedding goes well. The substrate must be dry; the moisture comes from the air and from a humid hide. A hygrometer shows whether the figure holds.

**ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB**

The species is most active at dusk and at night.

**ALIMENTACIÓN**

*Eryx conicus* takes whole prey. The staple food is mice. Preferably give thawed prey rather than live, because prey can bite and injure the snake. Thawed prey is taken more readily if it is moved with long tweezers.

**COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN**

*E. conicus* is calm and hardy and seldom bites. Let new animals settle for two weeks, and start handling only when they are feeding regularly. Keep the first sessions short, and support the whole body.

**ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL**

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