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SERPIENTES

Javelin Sand Boa

Eryx jaculus

Eryx jaculus is a small, heavy-bodied sand boa and one of the few boas that live wild in Europe. It burrows into loose soil in dry, open landscapes from the Balkans and the Mediterranean islands to North Africa and the Middle East, and does well in a simple, dry enclosure with a deep burrowing layer.

Familia: Boidae Nombre anterior: *Eryx turcicus; Boa turcica*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**40-80 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-25 años**
Activo	**Al crepúsculo y de noche**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**75 × 40 × 30 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**22-28 °C**
Punto caliente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**20-24 °C**
Humedad	**30-50 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Opcional**
Reposo invernal	**14-18 °C** 8-12 semanas
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Vivípara**
Tamaño de la camada	**4-15 crías**
Gestación	**120 días**

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little documented information exists on the care of *Eryx jaculus*.
TEMPERATURA	The heat comes from below. Put a heat tape or heat mat under no more than a quarter of the floor at one end, controlled by a thermostat, so that the substrate at the warm end is 30-32 °C. A gravid female needs 32-35 °C.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	*Eryx jaculus* lives in a dry climate, and the enclosure should be dry. Humidity is best at 30-50 %; the figure is an estimate based on the habitat. Change the water in the bowl regularly.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	UVB is not documented as necessary for *E. jaculus*, and the species spends most of its time hidden. A weak UVB tube can be offered as an option, provided there is plenty of cover as well.
ALIMENTACIÓN	*Eryx jaculus* takes whole prey. The staple is small mice, preferably newborn or half-grown, because sand boas prefer prey that is not much thicker than themselves. Prefer thawed prey to live prey.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	*Eryx jaculus* is a secretive, calm snake that spends most of its time buried. It very rarely bites and uses the defensive postures described under the description instead.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Marruecos, Argelia, Túnez, Libia, Egipto, Israel, Territorios Palestinos, Siria, Jordania, Arabia Saudí, Turquía, Irak, Irán, Grecia, Bulgaria, Rumanía, Albania, Macedonia del Norte, Italia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaiyán y Rusia.