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SERPIENTES

Desert Sand Boa

Eryx miliaris

Eryx miliaris is a small, thick sand boa from the deserts and steppes of Central Asia that buries itself with only its eyes showing above the surface. Most grow to 40-60 cm, but the large eastern form, formerly listed as *Eryx tataricus*, can exceed 1 m. The species is calm and is often one of the easiest sand boas to get feeding.

Familia: Boidae Nombre anterior: *Anguis miliaris; Boa tatarica; Eryx tataricus; Eryx speciosus; Eryx nogaiorum*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**40-120 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-25 años**
Activo	**De día, al crepúsculo y de noche**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Desierto y semidesierto**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**60 × 30 × 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**
Puestas por año	**1**
Gestación	**120 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 *Eryx miliaris* needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height). The species uses almost no height, so floor area is what counts.

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.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Eryx miliaris 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. miliaris*, and the species spends a large part of its time hidden. A weak UVB tube can be offered as an option, provided there is plenty of cover as well.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Eryx miliaris takes whole prey. The staple is small mice, not much thicker than the snake itself. Prefer thawed prey to live prey.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Eryx miliaris is calm and does not bite out of fear, but it can be a greedy feeder and snap at anything that looks like food, including a hand. Handle it rarely, and wash your hands after feeding.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

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