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SERPIENTES

Rough-scaled Python

Morelia carinata

Morelia carinata is a slender, tree-dwelling python from a small area of the Kimberley in north-western Australia. It is dark brown with pale spots, has keeled scales that feel like sandpaper and unusually long teeth. The species is one of Australia's rarest snakes in the wild, grows to about 2 m in length and is active at dusk and at night. Little documented knowledge of its care exists.

Familia: Pythonidae Nombre anterior: *Python carinatus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**150-200 cm** longitud total con la cola
Peso	**600-800 g**
Esperanza de vida	**20-25 años**
Activo	**Al crepúsculo y de noche**
Modo de vida	**Arborícola y rupícola**
Hábitat	**Selva tropical y terreno rocoso**
Dificultad	**Intermedio**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**120 × 60 × 100 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**26-30 °C**
Punto caliente	**33-36 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**22-25 °C**
Humedad	**50-65 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**18-36 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**6-15 huevos**
Incubación	**55-70 días** a 30-31 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Morelia carinata*, because the species is rare and first came into captivity in 2000.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure must have a clear gradient: a warm and a cold end, so that the snake chooses for itself. Use a daytime temperature of 26-30 °C, a basking and heat spot of 33-36 °C and a cold end of about 25-27 °C.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity is kept at 50-65 %, a little above the 40-60 % that suits most *Morelia* species, because the species lives in monsoon rainforest and humid gorges. The figure is an estimate; measurements from the habitat do not exist.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is active at dusk and at night. Pythons have long been kept without UVB, but UVB probably benefits their health and is therefore recommended, as for the other *Morelia* species.

ALIMENTACIÓN

Morelia carinata eats whole prey. Use frozen and fully thawed mice and rats, never live animals. Thaw the prey in a closed container and warm it to body temperature. Never heat it in a microwave, and never offer it half-frozen.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

Morelia carinata is calm and rarely bites. Leave a new snake in peace for a couple of weeks, until it eats. Then start with short, calm sessions, and avoid the head and tail.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

Australia.