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Indian Rock Python

Python molurus

Python molurus is a large, placid python from the forests, grasslands and rocky foothills of South Asia, with brownish, pale-edged blotches on a light background. Adults are usually 250-350 cm, and females are far heavier than males. The species tolerates drier conditions than the closely related *Python bivittatus*, needs a very large, escape-proof enclosure with a pool and a great deal of experience, and can live for 20 years or more.

Familia: Pythonidae Nombre anterior: *Python molurus molurus*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**250-400 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**15-25 años**
Activo	**Al crepúsculo y de noche**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y semiacuático**
Hábitat	**Sabana, bosque seco y humedal**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**300 × 150 × 120 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**27-31 °C**
Punto caliente	**32-34 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**26-28 °C**
Humedad	**50-60 %**
Agua	**Zona de agua**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentación	**Vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**24-36 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**12-100 huevos**
Incubación	**65-85 días** a 28-32 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

CITES	**Apéndice I**
Anexo de la UE	**Anexo A**
UICN	**Casi amenazada (NT)**

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO

Only a little care information exists that applies solely to *Python molurus*; size, heat and diet are therefore borrowed from *Python bivittatus*, which is kept in the same way in captivity. The figures are cautious estimates.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure must have a distinct gradient. The basking spot should be 32-34 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer, the rest of the enclosure 27-31 °C by day and 26-28 °C at night.

HUMEDAD Y AGUA

Humidity should be 50-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. This is slightly lower than for *Python bivittatus*, because *P. molurus* lives in drier areas, but never far from water.

ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB

The species is most active at dusk and at night, but needs a fixed day-night rhythm with about 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness.

ALIMENTACIÓN

P. molurus is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals, mammals and birds. Rats are standard, and as the snake grows, rabbits, guinea pigs, quail and chicks are used.

COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN

P. molurus is sluggish and calm and rarely aggressive, but an animal over 250 cm is stronger than a human and can be life-threatening.

ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL

India, Pakistán, Nepal, Bután y Bangladés.