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VARANOS

Bengal Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

Varanus bengalensis is a terrestrial monitor lizard from India and much of South Asia, one of the most widespread monitors of all, ranging from Iran to Myanmar. It grows up to 175 cm long, is diurnal and digs burrows. The species is rare in captivity and there is almost no reliable husbandry experience, so this guide is based on other large terrestrial monitors and on the species' way of life in the wild.

Familia: Varanidae

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**100-175 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**10-22 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto, sabana y bosque seco**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**375 × 150 × 150 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**24-38 °C**
Punto caliente	**50-55 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**20-25 °C**
Humedad	**60-70 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos y vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Madurez sexual	**30-36 meses**
Tamaño de la puesta	**20 huevos**
Puestas por año	**1-2**
Incubación	**168-254 días** a 28-30 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little is known about keeping *Varanus bengalensis*.
TEMPERATURA	There must be a large temperature gradient. The air is kept at 24-38 °C from the cool to the warm end. The surface temperature of the basking spot, measured with an IR thermometer, should be 50-55 °C.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	The species lives in both dry and humid regions. Humidity should be 60-70 % in the middle of the enclosure.
AGUA Y CALIDAD DEL AGUA	*Varanus bengalensis* swims well, and a large water container is part of the set-up. Use a container in which the whole animal can lie, such as a concrete mixing tub or a large basin for large animals.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	Keep the light on for about 12 hours a day. UVB is recommended for animals that do not get unfiltered sunlight, because the skin produces vitamin D3 under UVB.
ALIMENTACIÓN	*Varanus bengalensis* is a purely carnivorous predator and a generalist with about 200 known prey species.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	In the wild *Varanus bengalensis* is shy and avoids people. The animal has sharp eyesight and notices movement at a distance of about 250 m. When caught, only a few bite, and it is rare.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Irán, Afganistán, Pakistán, India, Nepal, Bután, Bangladés, Sri Lanka y Myanmar (Birmania).