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VARANOS

Spencer's Monitor

Varanus spenceri

Varanus spenceri is a heavily built, ground-dwelling monitor of up to 120 cm that lives on the treeless black-soil plains of north-eastern Australia and shelters in cracks and burrows in the ground. It eats almost anything it can overpower and plays dead when threatened. The species is extremely rare outside Australia, and little is known about its care.

Familia: Varanidae Nombre anterior: *Varanus ingrami*

DATOS CLAVE

EL ANIMAL

Tamaño adulto	**100-120 cm** longitud total con la cola
Esperanza de vida	**10-20 años**
Activo	**De día**
Modo de vida	**Terrestre y excavador**
Hábitat	**Semidesierto y sabana**
Dificultad	**Experto**

CUIDADOS

Terrario mín.	**300 × 120 × 120 cm** L × An × Al para 1 adulto
Temperatura, día	**25-35 °C**
Punto caliente	**50-58 °C**
Temperatura, noche	**20-24 °C**
Humedad	**30-60 %**
Agua	**Bebedero**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentación	**Insectos y vertebrados**
Se mantiene	**En solitario**

CRÍA

Reproducción	**Ovípara**
Tamaño de la puesta	**11-30 huevos**
Incubación	**180-190 días** a 27-29 °C

PROTECCIÓN Y TRÁMITES

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

Cuidados de un vistazo

EL TERRARIO	Little is known about the care of *Varanus spenceri*, because the species is hardly kept outside zoological gardens.
TEMPERATURA	Monitors are diurnal, and *Varanus spenceri* needs a large temperature gradient: a warm basking spot and cooler zones where the animal can withdraw.
HUMEDAD Y AGUA	The species comes from dry plains, so humidity in the enclosure should be low: 30-60 %, with good ventilation. The figures are borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*.
ILUMINACIÓN Y UVB	*Varanus spenceri* is diurnal and lives in open landscape without shade, where it basks a great deal.
ALIMENTACIÓN	In the wild the species eats almost anything it can overpower: snakes, small mammals, small lizards, eggs and carrion. In captivity the diet should be varied and consist of whole prey.
COMPORTAMIENTO Y MANIPULACIÓN	Safety: *Varanus spenceri* is strong and has sharp claws and a powerful tail, and a bite from an animal of up to a metre can cause deep wounds. A threatened animal hisses, puffs out its throat and lashes with its tail.
ÁREA DE DISTRIBUCIÓN NATURAL	Australia.

La guía completa con mapa y actualizaciones: herpy.org/en/monitor-lizards/varanus-spenceri