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## Pacific Ground Boa

# *Candoia carinata*

*Candoia carinata* is a small, slender boa with keeled scales and a prehensile tail from forests in Indonesia, New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago. It reaches 45-60 cm, is nocturnal and eats lizards and frogs when young, later also rodents. It gives birth to live young and is kept in a small, warm, humid enclosure with branches and a water bowl.

Famille: Boidae  Ancien nom: *Boa carinata; Enygrus carinatus*

### INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

#### L'ANIMAL

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| Taille adulte | **45-60 cm**<br>longueur totale queue comprise |
| Espérance de vie | **10-15 ans** |
| Activité | **La nuit** |
| Mode de vie | **Arboricole et terrestre** |
| Habitat | **Forêt sèche et forêt tropicale humide** |
| Difficulté | **Intermédiaire** |

#### ENTRETIEN

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| Terrarium min. | **80 × 40 × 50 cm**<br>L × l × H pour 1 adulte |
| Température, jour | **26-28 °C** |
| Température, nuit | **24-26 °C** |
| Hygrométrie | **50-80 %** |
| Eau | **Gamelle d'eau** |
| UVB | **Non nécessaires** |
| Alimentation | **Vertébrés** |
| Détention | **Seul** |

#### REPRODUCTION

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| Reproduction | **Vivipare** |
| Taille de la portée | **5-15 petits** |
| Gestation | **210-270 jours** |

#### PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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| CITES | **Annexe II** |
| Annexe UE | **Annexe B** |
| UICN | **Préoccupation mineure (LC)** |

## L'entretien en bref

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| **LE TERRARIUM** | Little is known about the care of *Candoia carinata*, so the recommendations also build on experience with other species in the genus *Candoia*. |
| **TEMPÉRATURE** | By day the enclosure should be 26-28 °C, warmest at one end so that the snake can choose, and 24-26 °C at night. |
| **HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU** | Humidity should stay at 50-80%. Keep the substrate slightly damp, and mist the enclosure once or twice a week, and more often when the snake is about to shed. Adults typically shed about three times a year. |
| **ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB** | The species is nocturnal and needs a fixed day-night rhythm of 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness controlled by a timer. The enclosure should not be brightly lit. |
| **ALIMENTATION** | Adult *Candoia carinata* are fed one suitably sized rodent every 3-4 weeks. The species is not very active and has a slow metabolism. |
| **COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION** | *Candoia carinata* is quiet and spends the day hidden. Captive-bred animals are normally calm and seldom bite; wild-caught animals can be bad-tempered. |
| **AIRE D'ORIGINE** | Indonésie et Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée. |