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SERPENTS

Amazon Tree Boa

Corallus hortulana

Corallus hortulana is a slender, arboreal boa from the Amazon and the Guiana region. It reaches 120-190 cm, comes in many colours and lies in wait for prey on a branch at night. It is often defensive and suits an experienced keeper with room for a large enclosure.

Famille: Boidae Ancien nom: *Corallus hortulanus; Corallus enydris*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**120-190 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**15-20 ans**
Activité	**La nuit**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole**
Habitat	**Savane, forêt sèche et forêt tropicale humide**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 90 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**27-29 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**31-34 °C**
Température, nuit	**21-24 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Facultatifs** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Vivipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**36-48 mois**
Taille de la portée	**2-29 petits**
Pontes par an	**1**
Gestation	**180-240 jours**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

An adult *Corallus hortulana* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 90 cm (length × width × height). The species is active and moves mostly horizontally between the branches, so floor area matters more than height.

TEMPÉRATURE

During the day the temperature in the enclosure should be 27-29 °C. Over a branch at one end, a heat lamp should provide a basking spot of 31-34 °C, which the snake uses for a few hours a day.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Corallus hortulana comes from a tropical climate, and the humidity should be 40-70 %, highest at night and lower during the day, when the heat dries the air. Raise it slightly during a shed.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

Corallus hortulana is nocturnal, and UVB is not necessary. A weak UVB light (zone 2, a UV index of about 2-3 at the basking spot) can support the daily rhythm, but the figure is borrowed from *Corallus caninus*.

ALIMENTATION

Corallus hortulana eats rodents, and most take mice from the first day. Give frozen and thawed prey on long tongs, not live. The prey must be no more than 20 % wider than the snake's body at its widest point.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Corallus hortulana is often nervous and defensive and not an animal for frequent handling. The snake can reach at least half its body length when it strikes, and the long teeth cause deep wounds.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Colombie, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, Guyane française, Brésil, Équateur, Pérou et Bolivie.