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SERPENTS

Green Anaconda

Eunectes murinus

Eunectes murinus is the world's heaviest snake: an olive-green, extremely powerful constrictor from the rivers and flooded plains of South America that spends most of its life in water. Females are typically 4-5 m and weigh 30-80 kg, while males are far smaller. The species requires a purpose-built room with a large, deep pool, a keeper with great experience and at least two people for all handling.

Famille: Boidae Ancien nom: *Boa murina; Eunectes gigas; Eunectes barbouri*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**300-500 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**20-30 ans**
Activité	**Au crépuscule et la nuit**
Mode de vie	**Semi-aquatique**
Habitat	**Savane, forêt tropicale humide et zone humide**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**500 × 250 × 120 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**26-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**31-34 °C**
Température, nuit	**24-26 °C**
Hygrométrie	**70-90 %**
Eau	**Aquaterrarium** profondeur 50-70 cm
Température de l'eau	**26-28 °C**
UVB	**Facultatifs**
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Vivipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**36-48 mois**
Taille de la portée	**20-40 petits**
Gestation	**180-210 jours**

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Few documented set-ups exist for *Eunectes murinus*, and the figures here are based on its size and way of life: the species is a heavy, semi-aquatic snake, and care follows in broad terms that of the large pythons, for example *Malayopython reticulatus*.

TEMPÉRATURE

There is no species-specific temperature plan for *Eunectes murinus*. The figures correspond to the hot, humid lowland climate of the range and to what is used for other large, tropical constrictors.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity should be 70-90 %, corresponding to the climate of the rainforest and wetlands.

EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU

The pool must take up at least half the floor area and be 50-70 cm deep, so that the snake can lie fully submerged and swim. The water should be 26-28 °C.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is most active at dusk and at night, and a need for UVB has not been documented.

ALIMENTATION

E. murinus eats whole prey animals, mammals and birds.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

E. murinus is a solitary snake that only seeks out others during the breeding season. It is therefore always kept singly. Housing together causes stress, and the female eats males.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Venezuela, Colombie, Équateur, Pérou, Bolivie, Brésil, Guyana, Suriname, Guyane française, Paraguay et Trinité-et-Tobago.