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SERPENTS

Macklot's Python

Liasis mackloti

Liasis mackloti is a robust, active python from Timor and the nearby Lesser Sunda Islands. It reaches 180-250 cm, is dark olive-brown with an iridescent sheen and reacts lightning-fast to prey. Young animals are often defensive, and adults are strong and need a large, solid enclosure, so the species is best suited to experienced snake keepers.

Famille: Pythonidae Ancien nom: *Python timorensis; Morelia mackloti*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**180-250 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**15-25 ans**
Activité	**Au crépuscule et la nuit**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole et terrestre**
Habitat	**Savane et zone humide**
Difficulté	**Expérimenté**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**26-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**32-35 °C**
Température, nuit	**22-25 °C**
Hygrométrie	**40-60 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Facultatifs** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**8-20 œufs**
Incubation	**60-75 jours** à 30-32 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Liasis mackloti reaches 180-250 cm, is active and climbs, and an adult needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPÉRATURE

The enclosure needs a clear gradient. By day the enclosure should be 26-30 °C, and the basking spot should have a surface temperature of 32-35 °C. At night the temperature should fall to 22-25 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

L. mackloti thrives at 40-60 % humidity. Humidity rises after misting and at night, when the temperature falls. The enclosure must not be constantly wet, and ventilation must be good.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is active at dusk and at night, but it needs a fixed day-night rhythm. The light is on for 10-12 hours a day and switched off completely at night, controlled by a timer. Do not use red, blue or violet night lamps.

ALIMENTATION

Liasis mackloti is a constrictor that eats whole prey. In the wild this is small mammals, birds and reptiles, and in captivity captive-bred animals readily take mice and rats of a size that suits the snake.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

L. mackloti is inquisitive, active and strong. Young animals and newly acquired animals can be defensive: they hiss, form an S with the body and strike repeatedly, and some bite.

AIRE D'ORIGINE

Indonésie, Timor oriental et Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée.