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SERPENTS

Rough-scaled Python

Morelia carinata

Morelia carinata is a slender, tree-dwelling python from a small area of the Kimberley in north-western Australia. It is dark brown with pale spots, has keeled scales that feel like sandpaper and unusually long teeth. The species is one of Australia's rarest snakes in the wild, grows to about 2 m in length and is active at dusk and at night. Little documented knowledge of its care exists.

Famille: Pythonidae Ancien nom: *Python carinatus*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**150-200 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Poids	**600-800 g**
Espérance de vie	**20-25 ans**
Activité	**Au crépuscule et la nuit**
Mode de vie	**Arboricole et rupicole**
Habitat	**Forêt tropicale humide et terrain rocheux**
Difficulté	**Intermédiaire**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**120 × 60 × 100 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**26-30 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**33-36 °C**
Température, nuit	**22-25 °C**
Hygrométrie	**50-65 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 2
Alimentation	**Vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**18-36 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**6-15 œufs**
Incubation	**55-70 jours** à 30-31 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Morelia carinata*, because the species is rare and first came into captivity in 2000.

TEMPÉRATURE

The enclosure must have a clear gradient: a warm and a cold end, so that the snake chooses for itself. Use a daytime temperature of 26-30 °C, a basking and heat spot of 33-36 °C and a cold end of about 25-27 °C.

HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU

Humidity is kept at 50-65 %, a little above the 40-60 % that suits most *Morelia* species, because the species lives in monsoon rainforest and humid gorges. The figure is an estimate; measurements from the habitat do not exist.

ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB

The species is active at dusk and at night. Pythons have long been kept without UVB, but UVB probably benefits their health and is therefore recommended, as for the other *Morelia* species.

ALIMENTATION

Morelia carinata eats whole prey. Use frozen and fully thawed mice and rats, never live animals. Thaw the prey in a closed container and warm it to body temperature. Never heat it in a microwave, and never offer it half-frozen.

COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION

Morelia carinata is calm and rarely bites. Leave a new snake in peace for a couple of weeks, until it eats. Then start with short, calm sessions, and avoid the head and tail.

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