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## Borneo Short-tailed Python

# *Python breitensteini*

*Python breitensteini* is a heavy-bodied, short-tailed python from the lowland forests and swamp edges of Borneo, yellowish brown to dark brown with darker blotches and often a yellow head. It reaches 120-150 cm, weighs several kilos and eats rats. It is kept in a large, ventilated floor-space enclosure with stable heat, 60-70% humidity and a large water bowl.

Famille: Pythonidae  Ancien nom: *Python curtus breitensteini; Aspidoboa breitensteini*

### INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

#### L'ANIMAL

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| Taille adulte | **120-150 cm**<br>longueur totale queue comprise |
| Poids | **4 000-7 000 g** |
| Espérance de vie | **20-25 ans** |
| Activité | **Au crépuscule et la nuit** |
| Mode de vie | **Terrestre** |
| Habitat | **Forêt tropicale humide et zone humide** |
| Difficulté | **Intermédiaire** |

#### ENTRETIEN

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| Terrarium min. | **120 × 60 × 45 cm**<br>L × l × H pour 1 adulte |
| Température, jour | **27-28 °C** |
| Zone de bain de soleil | **30-31 °C** |
| Température, nuit | **25-26 °C** |
| Hygrométrie | **60-70 %** |
| Eau | **Gamelle d'eau** |
| UVB | **Non nécessaires** |
| Alimentation | **Vertébrés** |
| Détention | **Seul** |

#### REPRODUCTION

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| Reproduction | **Ovipare** |
| Maturité sexuelle | **36-48 mois** |
| Taille de la ponte | **12-30 œufs** |
| Incubation | **60-75 jours**<br>à 31-32 °C |

#### PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

## L'entretien en bref

**LE TERRARIUM**

An adult *Python breitensteini* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height). The species is terrestrial, so floor area matters more than height.

**TEMPÉRATURE**

By day the temperature should be 27-28 °C and by night 25-26 °C. If the snake has a warm spot, it should be 30-31 °C. Stable temperatures matter more than high ones, and excessive heat stresses the species.

**HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU**

Humidity should stay at 60-70%. If the air is too dry, shedding is poor and the skin comes off in pieces or sticks altogether.

**ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB**

*Python breitensteini* is most active in the evening and at night, but 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**

*Python breitensteini* eats rats from juvenile to adult. Juveniles start on hopper mice and quickly move on to rat pups.

**COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION**

*Python breitensteini* is sedentary and spends most of the day hidden. It is heavy and must be supported with both hands and forearms, never dangled or draped around the shoulders.

**AIRE D'ORIGINE**

Indonésie, Malaisie et Brunei.