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VARANS

Bengal Monitor

Varanus bengalensis

Varanus bengalensis is a terrestrial monitor lizard from India and much of South Asia, one of the most widespread monitors of all, ranging from Iran to Myanmar. It grows up to 175 cm long, is diurnal and digs burrows. The species is rare in captivity and there is almost no reliable husbandry experience, so this guide is based on other large terrestrial monitors and on the species' way of life in the wild.

Famille: Varanidae

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**100-175 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**10-22 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Semi-désert, savane et forêt sèche**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**375 × 150 × 150 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**24-38 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**50-55 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-25 °C**
Hygrométrie	**60-70 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes et vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Maturité sexuelle	**30-36 mois**
Taille de la ponte	**20 œufs**
Pontes par an	**1-2**
Incubation	**168-254 jours** à 28-30 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

CITES	**Annexe I**
Annexe UE	**Annexe A**
UICN	**Quasi menacée (NT)**

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about keeping *Varanus bengalensis*.
TEMPÉRATURE	There must be a large temperature gradient. The air is kept at 24-38 °C from the cool to the warm end. The surface temperature of the basking spot, measured with an IR thermometer, should be 50-55 °C.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	The species lives in both dry and humid regions. Humidity should be 60-70 % in the middle of the enclosure.
EAU ET QUALITÉ DE L'EAU	*Varanus bengalensis* swims well, and a large water container is part of the set-up. Use a container in which the whole animal can lie, such as a concrete mixing tub or a large basin for large animals.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	Keep the light on for about 12 hours a day. UVB is recommended for animals that do not get unfiltered sunlight, because the skin produces vitamin D3 under UVB.
ALIMENTATION	*Varanus bengalensis* is a purely carnivorous predator and a generalist with about 200 known prey species.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	In the wild *Varanus bengalensis* is shy and avoids people. The animal has sharp eyesight and notices movement at a distance of about 250 m. When caught, only a few bite, and it is rare.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Inde, Népal, Bhoutan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka et Myanmar (Birmanie).