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VARANS

Spencer's Monitor

Varanus spenceri

Varanus spenceri is a heavily built, ground-dwelling monitor of up to 120 cm that lives on the treeless black-soil plains of north-eastern Australia and shelters in cracks and burrows in the ground. It eats almost anything it can overpower and plays dead when threatened. The species is extremely rare outside Australia, and little is known about its care.

Famille: Varanidae Ancien nom: *Varanus ingrami*

INFORMATIONS ESSENTIELLES

L'ANIMAL

Taille adulte	**100-120 cm** longueur totale queue comprise
Espérance de vie	**10-20 ans**
Activité	**Le jour**
Mode de vie	**Terrestre et fouisseur**
Habitat	**Semi-désert et savane**
Difficulté	**Expert**

ENTRETIEN

Terrarium min.	**300 × 120 × 120 cm** L × l × H pour 1 adulte
Température, jour	**25-35 °C**
Zone de bain de soleil	**50-58 °C**
Température, nuit	**20-24 °C**
Hygrométrie	**30-60 %**
Eau	**Gamelle d'eau**
UVB	**Recommandés** Zone de Ferguson 3
Alimentation	**Insectes et vertébrés**
Détention	**Seul**

REPRODUCTION

Reproduction	**Ovipare**
Taille de la ponte	**11-30 œufs**
Incubation	**180-190 jours** à 27-29 °C

PROTECTION ET FORMALITÉS

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

L'entretien en bref

LE TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Varanus spenceri*, because the species is hardly kept outside zoological gardens.
TEMPÉRATURE	Monitors are diurnal, and *Varanus spenceri* needs a large temperature gradient: a warm basking spot and cooler zones where the animal can withdraw.
HYGROMÉTRIE ET EAU	The species comes from dry plains, so humidity in the enclosure should be low: 30-60 %, with good ventilation. The figures are borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*.
ÉCLAIRAGE ET UVB	*Varanus spenceri* is diurnal and lives in open landscape without shade, where it basks a great deal.
ALIMENTATION	In the wild the species eats almost anything it can overpower: snakes, small mammals, small lizards, eggs and carrion. In captivity the diet should be varied and consist of whole prey.
COMPORTEMENT ET MANIPULATION	Safety: *Varanus spenceri* is strong and has sharp claws and a powerful tail, and a bite from an animal of up to a metre can cause deep wounds. A threatened animal hisses, puffs out its throat and lashes with its tail.
AIRE D'ORIGINE	Australie.