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Northern Caiman Lizard

Dracaena guianensis

Dracaena guianensis is a large, powerfully built, semi-aquatic lizard from the Amazon with a green body, a reddish-orange head and a broad, laterally compressed swimming tail. It grows to nearly 125 cm and feeds almost exclusively on snails and mussels, which it crushes with flat molar-like teeth. The species needs a very large, warm and humid vivarium with a large water section and an experienced keeper.

Famiglia: Teiidae Nome precedente: *Teius crocodilurus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**100-125 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**10-15 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo e semiacquatico**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale e zona umida**
Difficoltà	**Esperto**

CURA

Terrario min.	**180 × 90 × 120 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**27-32 °C**
Punto caldo	**38-41 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**24-27 °C**
Umidità	**60-80%**
Acqua	**Parte acquatica** profondità 30-40 cm
Temperatura dell'acqua	**24-29 °C**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti, vertebrati e vermi/lumache**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**4-7 uova**
Incubazione	**160-180 giorni** a 28-30 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato B**
IUCN	**Minima preoccupazione (LC)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Only limited knowledge exists about the care of *Dracaena guianensis*, and the species is a demanding animal.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a strong basking branch over the water with a surface temperature of 38-41 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	Humidity should be 60-80%. The water section and plants retain moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A misting system or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large vivarium.
ACQUA E QUALITÀ DELL'ACQUA	The animal must be able to lie in water and dive completely under, so the water section is a permanent part of the vivarium and not just a bowl.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	*Dracaena guianensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day.
ALIMENTAZIONE	In the wild *Dracaena guianensis* eats almost nothing but snails and mussels. Give snails as the staple diet: farmed land snails (e.g. *Helix* and *Achatina*) without the shell, thawed or tinned.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	*Dracaena guianensis* is intelligent, curious and normally calm, but it is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Brasile, Colombia, Ecuador, Perù e Guyana Francese.