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SERPENTI

Javelin Sand Boa

Eryx jaculus

Eryx jaculus is a small, heavy-bodied sand boa and one of the few boas that live wild in Europe. It burrows into loose soil in dry, open landscapes from the Balkans and the Mediterranean islands to North Africa and the Middle East, and does well in a simple, dry enclosure with a deep burrowing layer.

Famiglia: Boidae Nome precedente: *Eryx turcicus; Boa turcica*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**40-80 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-25 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Semideserto**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**75 × 40 × 30 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**22-28 °C**
Punto caldo	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**20-24 °C**
Umidità	**30-50%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Facoltativi**
Riposo invernale	**14-18 °C** 8-12 settimane
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Vivipara**
Piccoli per parto	**4-15 piccoli**
Gestazione	**120 giorni**

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little documented information exists on the care of *Eryx jaculus*.

TEMPERATURA

The heat comes from below. Put a heat tape or heat mat under no more than a quarter of the floor at one end, controlled by a thermostat, so that the substrate at the warm end is 30-32 °C. A gravid female needs 32-35 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Eryx jaculus lives in a dry climate, and the enclosure should be dry. Humidity is best at 30-50 %; the figure is an estimate based on the habitat. Change the water in the bowl regularly.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

UVB is not documented as necessary for *E. jaculus*, and the species spends most of its time hidden. A weak UVB tube can be offered as an option, provided there is plenty of cover as well.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Eryx jaculus takes whole prey. The staple is small mice, preferably newborn or half-grown, because sand boas prefer prey that is not much thicker than themselves. Prefer thawed prey to live prey.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Eryx jaculus is a secretive, calm snake that spends most of its time buried. It very rarely bites and uses the defensive postures described under the description instead.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Marocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libia, Egitto, Israele, Territori palestinesi, Siria, Giordania, Arabia Saudita, Turchia, Iraq, Iran, Grecia, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania, Macedonia del Nord, Italia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaigian e Russia.