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SERPENTI

Rough-scaled Python

Morelia carinata

Morelia carinata is a slender, tree-dwelling python from a small area of the Kimberley in north-western Australia. It is dark brown with pale spots, has keeled scales that feel like sandpaper and unusually long teeth. The species is one of Australia's rarest snakes in the wild, grows to about 2 m in length and is active at dusk and at night. Little documented knowledge of its care exists.

Famiglia: Pythonidae Nome precedente: *Python carinatus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**150-200 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**600-800 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**20-25 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Arboricolo e rupicolo**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale e terreno roccioso**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 100 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**26-30 °C**
Punto caldo	**33-36 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**22-25 °C**
Umidità	**50-65%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**18-36 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**6-15 uova**
Incubazione	**55-70 giorni** a 30-31 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Morelia carinata*, because the species is rare and first came into captivity in 2000.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure must have a clear gradient: a warm and a cold end, so that the snake chooses for itself. Use a daytime temperature of 26-30 °C, a basking and heat spot of 33-36 °C and a cold end of about 25-27 °C.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity is kept at 50-65 %, a little above the 40-60 % that suits most *Morelia* species, because the species lives in monsoon rainforest and humid gorges. The figure is an estimate; measurements from the habitat do not exist.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is active at dusk and at night. Pythons have long been kept without UVB, but UVB probably benefits their health and is therefore recommended, as for the other *Morelia* species.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Morelia carinata eats whole prey. Use frozen and fully thawed mice and rats, never live animals. Thaw the prey in a closed container and warm it to body temperature. Never heat it in a microwave, and never offer it half-frozen.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Morelia carinata is calm and rarely bites. Leave a new snake in peace for a couple of weeks, until it eats. Then start with short, calm sessions, and avoid the head and tail.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Australia.