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Borneo Short-tailed Python

Python breitensteini

Python breitensteini is a heavy-bodied, short-tailed python from the lowland forests and swamp edges of Borneo, yellowish brown to dark brown with darker blotches and often a yellow head. It reaches 120-150 cm, weighs several kilos and eats rats. It is kept in a large, ventilated floor-space enclosure with stable heat, 60-70% humidity and a large water bowl.

Famiglia: Pythonidae Nome precedente: *Python curtus breitensteini; Aspidoboa breitensteini*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**120-150 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Peso	**4.000-7.000 g**
Aspettativa di vita	**20-25 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre**
Habitat	**Foresta pluviale e zona umida**
Difficoltà	**Intermedio**

CURA

Terrario min.	**120 × 60 × 45 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**27-28 °C**
Punto caldo	**30-31 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**25-26 °C**
Umidità	**60-70%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Non necessari**
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**36-48 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**12-30 uova**
Incubazione	**60-75 giorni** a 31-32 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

An adult *Python breitensteini* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 45 cm (length × width × height). The species is terrestrial, so floor area matters more than height.

TEMPERATURA

By day the temperature should be 27-28 °C and by night 25-26 °C. If the snake has a warm spot, it should be 30-31 °C. Stable temperatures matter more than high ones, and excessive heat stresses the species.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should stay at 60-70%. If the air is too dry, shedding is poor and the skin comes off in pieces or sticks altogether.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

Python breitensteini is most active in the evening and at night, but needs a fixed day-night rhythm of 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness controlled by a timer. The enclosure should not be brightly lit.

ALIMENTAZIONE

Python breitensteini eats rats from juvenile to adult. Juveniles start on hopper mice and quickly move on to rat pups.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

Python breitensteini is sedentary and spends most of the day hidden. It is heavy and must be supported with both hands and forearms, never dangled or draped around the shoulders.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Indonesia, Malaysia e Brunei.