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Indian Rock Python

Python molurus

Python molurus is a large, placid python from the forests, grasslands and rocky foothills of South Asia, with brownish, pale-edged blotches on a light background. Adults are usually 250-350 cm, and females are far heavier than males. The species tolerates drier conditions than the closely related *Python bivittatus*, needs a very large, escape-proof enclosure with a pool and a great deal of experience, and can live for 20 years or more.

Famiglia: Pythonidae Nome precedente: *Python molurus molurus*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**250-400 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-25 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e semiacquatico**
Habitat	**Savana, foresta secca e zona umida**
Difficoltà	**Specialista**

CURA

Terrario min.	**300 × 150 × 120 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**27-31 °C**
Punto caldo	**32-34 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**26-28 °C**
Umidità	**50-60%**
Acqua	**Parte acquatica**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**24-36 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**12-100 uova**
Incubazione	**65-85 giorni** a 28-32 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice I**
Allegato UE	**Allegato A**
IUCN	**Quasi minacciata (NT)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

Only a little care information exists that applies solely to *Python molurus*; size, heat and diet are therefore borrowed from *Python bivittatus*, which is kept in the same way in captivity. The figures are cautious estimates.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure must have a distinct gradient. The basking spot should be 32-34 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer, the rest of the enclosure 27-31 °C by day and 26-28 °C at night.

UMIDITÀ E ACQUA

Humidity should be 50-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. This is slightly lower than for *Python bivittatus*, because *P. molurus* lives in drier areas, but never far from water.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

The species is most active at dusk and at night, but needs a fixed day-night rhythm with about 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness.

ALIMENTAZIONE

P. molurus is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals, mammals and birds. Rats are standard, and as the snake grows, rabbits, guinea pigs, quail and chicks are used.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

P. molurus is sluggish and calm and rarely aggressive, but an animal over 250 cm is stronger than a human and can be life-threatening.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan e Bangladesh.