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SERPENTI

African Rock Python

Python sebae

Python sebae is Africa's largest snake: a heavy-bodied, brownish python with a dark spear-shaped mark on the head and stair-step blotches along the back. Adults are usually 300-500 cm long and weigh 45-65 kg. The species lives in savanna, forest and by water south of the Sahara, has a reputation for being irritable and needs a very large, escape-proof enclosure, a pool and great experience.

Famiglia: Pythonidae Nome precedente: *Python sebae sebae*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**300-500 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**15-30 anni**
Attività	**Al crepuscolo e di notte**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e semiacquatico**
Habitat	**Savana, foresta pluviale 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	**60-70%**
Acqua	**Parte acquatica**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 2
Alimentazione	**Vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Maturità sessuale	**36-60 mesi**
Uova per deposizione	**20-100 uova**
Incubazione	**65-80 giorni** a 31-32 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

CITES	**Appendice II**
Allegato UE	**Allegato B**
IUCN	**Quasi minacciata (NT)**

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO

No detailed care information exists for *Python sebae*, which is a rarely kept species, and size, warmth, humidity and diet are therefore borrowed from *Python bivittatus* and *Python molurus*, which are kept in captivity in the same way.

TEMPERATURA

The enclosure needs a clear 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 60-70 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. The species lives in moist savanna and forest near water, and the figure is borrowed from *Python bivittatus*.

ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB

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

ALIMENTAZIONE

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

COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE

P. sebae is one of the most defensive pythons. Animals caught in the wild rarely get used to handling or to living in an enclosure, and even captive-bred animals do not always become calm.

AREALE D'ORIGINE

Senegal, Gambia, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Costa d'Avorio, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Camerun, Repubblica Centrafricana, Mali, Niger, Ciad, Sudan, Sud Sudan, Etiopia, Eritrea, Uganda, Kenya, Congo - Kinshasa, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Ruanda, Burundi, Tanzania, Angola, Somalia e Guinea Equatoriale.