herpy

VARANI

Spencer's Monitor

Varanus spenceri

Varanus spenceri is a heavily built, ground-dwelling monitor of up to 120 cm that lives on the treeless black-soil plains of north-eastern Australia and shelters in cracks and burrows in the ground. It eats almost anything it can overpower and plays dead when threatened. The species is extremely rare outside Australia, and little is known about its care.

Famiglia: Varanidae Nome precedente: *Varanus ingrami*

DATI ESSENZIALI

L'ANIMALE

Dimensioni da adulto	**100-120 cm** lunghezza totale inclusa la coda
Aspettativa di vita	**10-20 anni**
Attività	**Di giorno**
Stile di vita	**Terrestre e scavatore**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Difficoltà	**Specialista**

CURA

Terrario min.	**300 × 120 × 120 cm** L × P × H per 1 adulto
Temperatura, giorno	**25-35 °C**
Punto caldo	**50-58 °C**
Temperatura, notte	**20-24 °C**
Umidità	**30-60%**
Acqua	**Ciotola d'acqua**
UVB	**Consigliati** Zona Ferguson 3
Alimentazione	**Insetti e vertebrati**
Detenzione	**Singolarmente**

RIPRODUZIONE

Riproduzione	**Ovipara**
Uova per deposizione	**11-30 uova**
Incubazione	**180-190 giorni** a 27-29 °C

TUTELA E DOCUMENTI

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

La cura in breve

IL TERRARIO	Little is known about the care of *Varanus spenceri*, because the species is hardly kept outside zoological gardens.
TEMPERATURA	Monitors are diurnal, and *Varanus spenceri* needs a large temperature gradient: a warm basking spot and cooler zones where the animal can withdraw.
UMIDITÀ E ACQUA	The species comes from dry plains, so humidity in the enclosure should be low: 30-60 %, with good ventilation. The figures are borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*.
ILLUMINAZIONE E UVB	*Varanus spenceri* is diurnal and lives in open landscape without shade, where it basks a great deal.
ALIMENTAZIONE	In the wild the species eats almost anything it can overpower: snakes, small mammals, small lizards, eggs and carrion. In captivity the diet should be varied and consist of whole prey.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANIPOLAZIONE	Safety: *Varanus spenceri* is strong and has sharp claws and a powerful tail, and a bite from an animal of up to a metre can cause deep wounds. A threatened animal hisses, puffs out its throat and lashes with its tail.
AREALE D'ORIGINE	Australia.

La guida completa con mappa e aggiornamenti: herpy.org/en/monitor-lizards/varanus-spenceri