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ECHTE HAGEDISSEN

Northern Caiman Lizard

Dracaena guianensis

Dracaena guianensis is a large, powerfully built, semi-aquatic lizard from the Amazon with a green body, a reddish-orange head and a broad, laterally compressed swimming tail. It grows to nearly 125 cm and feeds almost exclusively on snails and mussels, which it crushes with flat molar-like teeth. The species needs a very large, warm and humid vivarium with a large water section and an experienced keeper.

Familie: Teiidae Vroegere naam: *Teius crocodilurus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**100-125 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**180 × 90 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**27-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**38-41 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**24-27 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Watergedeelte** diepte 30-40 cm
Watertemperatuur	**24-29 °C**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten, gewervelde dieren en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**4-7 eieren**
Incubatie	**160-180 dagen** bij 28-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Only limited knowledge exists about the care of *Dracaena guianensis*, and the species is a demanding animal.
TEMPERATUUR	During the day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a strong basking branch over the water with a surface temperature of 38-41 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be 60-80%. The water section and plants retain moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A misting system or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large vivarium.
WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT	The animal must be able to lie in water and dive completely under, so the water section is a permanent part of the vivarium and not just a bowl.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*Dracaena guianensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day.
VOEDING	In the wild *Dracaena guianensis* eats almost nothing but snails and mussels. Give snails as the staple diet: farmed land snails (e.g. *Helix* and *Achatina*) without the shell, thawed or tinned.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Dracaena guianensis* is intelligent, curious and normally calm, but it is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Brazilië, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru en Frans-Guyana.