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ECHTE HAGEDISSEN

Paraguay Caiman Lizard

Dracaena paraguayensis

Dracaena paraguayensis is a large, heavily built, semi-aquatic lizard from the flooded lowlands of Paraguay, Bolivia and Mato Grosso in Brazil. It has a large, heavy head and flat, molar-like teeth that crush the shells of snails and mussels, its main food. Its care is hardly documented and requires a very large, warm paludarium and an experienced keeper.

Familie: Teiidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**80-100 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Savanne 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	Almost nothing is known about the care of *Dracaena paraguayensis*, and the species is rarely kept and is demanding.
TEMPERATUUR	By day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a powerful 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 hold moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A fogger or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large enclosure.
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 enclosure and not just a bowl.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*Dracaena paraguayensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day.
VOEDING	In the wild *Dracaena paraguayensis* eats almost only snails and mussels.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Dracaena paraguayensis* is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail. Threatened animals lash with the tail and bite.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Paraguay, Brazilië en Bolivia.