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Spotted Python

Antaresia maculosa

Antaresia maculosa is a small, nocturnal python from the east coast of Australia. It usually reaches 90-130 cm, is calm and hardy, feeds readily and is among the best-suited pythons for new snake keepers. The pattern is dark, ragged-edged blotches on a light brown ground. It is good at escaping from enclosures that are not completely secure.

Familie: Pythonidae Vroegere naam: *Liasis maculosus; Antaresia maculosus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-130 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-30 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, regenwoud en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-29 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**20-80%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**6-15 eieren**
Incubatie	**50-60 dagen** bij 31-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Antaresia maculosa is kept like its close relatives *Antaresia childreni* and *Antaresia stimsoni*, which have the same way of life and requirements. A few figures, especially for breeding, are borrowed from them.

TEMPERATUUR

The enclosure must have a clear gradient. The basking spot and the warm hide must be 32-35 °C. The cool side must be 24-29 °C. At night the temperature must be 20-24 °C and must not stay below 20 °C for long periods.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

A. maculosa is not fussy about humidity and tolerates 20-80 %. Poor sheds are usually caused by the wrong temperature, not the wrong humidity. Humidity is highest on the cool side and at night and lowest at the heat.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is nocturnal but needs a fixed day-night rhythm. The light is on for 12 hours a day in summer and reduced to about 10 hours in winter, controlled by a timer.

VOEDING

Antaresia maculosa eats mice and small rats of a size that suits the snake. The prey must be thawed and warmed to 32-38 °C in a bag in warm water. Use feeding tongs with soft tips, because the snake strikes hard.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

A. maculosa is calm, has a strong feeding response and tolerates handling well. Young animals are more nervous and may bite or rear up and strike, but they get used to handling.

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