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SLANGEN

Indian Sand Boa

Eryx johnii

Eryx johnii is a small, stoutly built sand boa from dry South Asia. It spends most of its time buried in loose soil, often with the blunt tail, which resembles a head, as the only visible part. It is calm, rarely bites and does not need much space, so it suits well as a first snake.

Familie: Boidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**50-90 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**20-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Beginner**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-28 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-35 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**22-25 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Levendbarend**
Worpgrootte	**4-14 jongen**
Legsels per jaar	**1**
Draagtijd	**120-180 dagen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult *Eryx johnii* needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height). The species uses almost no height, so floor area is what counts; a large female needs a larger enclosure.

TEMPERATUUR

Eryx johnii needs a warm and a cool end. The sand at the warm spot must be 32-35 °C and at the cool end 24-28 °C. The air in the enclosure must be 26-28 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Eryx johnii comes from dry lowland areas, and humidity should be about 40-50 %. During a shed it can be up to 60 %. A hygrometer shows whether the figure holds.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Eryx johnii is most active at dusk and at night, and UVB has not been documented as necessary for the species.

VOEDING

Eryx johnii takes whole prey and is known for its good appetite. The staple food is mice; large adult females can take small rats. The young are large at birth and can start on newborn rats or small fuzzy mice.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Eryx johnii is calm and rarely tries to bite; when frightened, it is more likely to thrash its body without striking. If it bites anyway, the hand must not be pulled away, because that can injure the snake.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, India en Nepal.