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Rough-scaled Python

Morelia carinata

Morelia carinata is a slender, tree-dwelling python from a small area of the Kimberley in north-western Australia. It is dark brown with pale spots, has keeled scales that feel like sandpaper and unusually long teeth. The species is one of Australia's rarest snakes in the wild, grows to about 2 m in length and is active at dusk and at night. Little documented knowledge of its care exists.

Familie: Pythonidae Vroegere naam: *Python carinatus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**150-200 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**600-800 g**
Levensduur	**20-25 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en 's nachts**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en rotsbewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 100 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**33-36 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**22-25 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-65%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**18-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**6-15 eieren**
Incubatie	**55-70 dagen** bij 30-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Morelia carinata*, because the species is rare and first came into captivity in 2000.

TEMPERATUUR

The enclosure must have a clear gradient: a warm and a cold end, so that the snake chooses for itself. Use a daytime temperature of 26-30 °C, a basking and heat spot of 33-36 °C and a cold end of about 25-27 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity is kept at 50-65 %, a little above the 40-60 % that suits most *Morelia* species, because the species lives in monsoon rainforest and humid gorges. The figure is an estimate; measurements from the habitat do not exist.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is active at dusk and at night. Pythons have long been kept without UVB, but UVB probably benefits their health and is therefore recommended, as for the other *Morelia* species.

VOEDING

Morelia carinata eats whole prey. Use frozen and fully thawed mice and rats, never live animals. Thaw the prey in a closed container and warm it to body temperature. Never heat it in a microwave, and never offer it half-frozen.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Morelia carinata is calm and rarely bites. Leave a new snake in peace for a couple of weeks, until it eats. Then start with short, calm sessions, and avoid the head and tail.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

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