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## Carpet Python

# *Morelia spilota*

*Morelia spilota* is a powerful, semi-arboreal python with a very wide distribution in Australia and southern New Guinea. The pattern varies from bands and blotches to black and yellow markings, and the size from about 120 to 300 cm depending on the subspecies. It becomes calm with age and thrives in a large, tall enclosure, but it grows large and lives for 20-30 years.

Familie: Pythonidae

### KERNGEGEVENS

#### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **120-300 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **20-30 jaar** |
| Actief | **In de schemering en ’s nachts** |
| Levenswijze | **Boombewonend en bodembewonend** |
| Leefgebied | **Savanne, droog bos en regenwoud** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Gevorderd** |

#### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **150 × 75 × 90 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier |
| Temperatuur overdag | **24-28 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **32-38 °C** |
| Temperatuur ’s nachts | **22-25 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **40-60%** |
| Water | **Waterbak** |
| UVB | **Aanbevolen**<br>Fergusonzone 2 |
| Voeding | **Gewervelde dieren** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair** |

#### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Legselgrootte | **10-50 eieren** |
| Legsels per jaar | **1** |
| Incubatie | **50-55 dagen**<br>bij 31-32 °C |

#### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

## Verzorging in het kort

**HET TERRARIUM**

An adult *Morelia spilota* needs an enclosure of at least 150 × 75 × 90 cm. This suits the smaller subspecies of 1.5-2 m. For the larger ones, up to 3 m, the enclosure must be at least 200 × 100 × 90 cm.

**TEMPERATUUR**

The enclosure must have a clear gradient. The surface under the heat lamp should be 32-38 °C, the cool end 24-26 °C and the night 22-25 °C. The smaller *M. s. cheynei* from the rainforest manages with 29-33 °C under the lamp.

**LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER**

The species is not fussy about humidity and copes with a wide range. Keep it at 40-60 % with a large bowl of fresh water. A hide with damp sphagnum helps during shedding.

**VERLICHTING EN UVB**

The species is mainly nocturnal, but can be active by day. UVB is not necessary to keep it alive, but it is recommended, because it supports D3 absorption and the daily rhythm.

**VOEDING**

*Morelia spilota* eats whole prey animals. Use frozen and thawed mice and rats, not live, and warm them to about 38 °C. Hamsters, gerbils, quail and chicks can be used for variety.

**GEDRAG EN OMGANG**

*Morelia spilota* is inquisitive and active and usually gets used to handling well. Juveniles under 1-2 years are often nervous and bite; they calm down with age.

**NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED**

Australië, Indonesië en Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea.