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Indian Rock Python

Python molurus

Python molurus is a large, placid python from the forests, grasslands and rocky foothills of South Asia, with brownish, pale-edged blotches on a light background. Adults are usually 250-350 cm, and females are far heavier than males. The species tolerates drier conditions than the closely related *Python bivittatus*, needs a very large, escape-proof enclosure with a pool and a great deal of experience, and can live for 20 years or more.

Familie: Pythonidae Vroegere naam: *Python molurus molurus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**250-400 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-25 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en semi-aquatisch**
Leefgebied	**Savanne, droog bos en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**300 × 150 × 120 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**27-31 °C**
Zonneplek	**32-34 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**26-28 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**50-60%**
Water	**Watergedeelte**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**12-100 eieren**
Incubatie	**65-85 dagen** bij 28-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage I**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage A**
IUCN	**Gevoelig (NT)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM
Only a little care information exists that applies solely to *Python molurus*; size, heat and diet are therefore borrowed from *Python bivittatus*, which is kept in the same way in captivity. The figures are cautious estimates.

TEMPERATUUR
The enclosure must have a distinct gradient. The basking spot should be 32-34 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer, the rest of the enclosure 27-31 °C by day and 26-28 °C at night.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
Humidity should be 50-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. This is slightly lower than for *Python bivittatus*, because *P. molurus* lives in drier areas, but never far from water.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
The species is most active at dusk and at night, but needs a fixed day-night rhythm with about 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness.

VOEDING
P. molurus is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals, mammals and birds. Rats are standard, and as the snake grows, rabbits, guinea pigs, quail and chicks are used.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
P. molurus is sluggish and calm and rarely aggressive, but an animal over 250 cm is stronger than a human and can be life-threatening.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan en Bangladesh.