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SLANGEN

Ball Python

Python regius

Python regius is a quiet, compact python from the savannas of West and Central Africa that rolls itself into a ball when it feels insecure. It reaches 100-150 cm, is easy to handle and very widely kept, but requires high humidity, stable heat and patience when it goes off its food.

Familie: Pythonidae Vroegere naam: *Boa regia; Hortulia regia*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**100-150 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**15-30 jaar**
Actief	**In de schemering en ’s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**22-27 °C**
Zonneplek	**30-32 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**21-26 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-36 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**3-11 eieren**
Incubatie	**55-60 dagen** bij 31-32 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult *Python regius* needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height), and the enclosure must be at least as long as the snake, so it can stretch out completely.

TEMPERATUUR

The enclosure must have a gradient. The warm hide must be 30-32 °C, the cool side 22-27 °C and the night 21-26 °C. The temperature in the enclosure must never exceed 35 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The humidity should be 60-80 % by day and preferably rise to 80-100 % at night. Short fluctuations are harmless. Humidity is important for the snake's breathing and for a clean shed.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Python regius is most active at dusk and at night but needs a fixed day and night rhythm. At the species' equatorial range 12 hours of light and 12 hours of dark are suitable, controlled by a timer.

VOEDING

Python regius eats whole, frozen and thawed rodents. Rats and mice are the standard, but variety in the form of African soft-furred rats, gerbils, young guinea pigs and chicks gives a more varied diet.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Python regius is calm and seldom aggressive. When threatened it rolls into a ball. Juveniles can be defensive and snappy but get used to handling.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Senegal, Gambia, Guinee-Bissau, Guinee, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivoorkust, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Niger, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Kameroen, Centraal-Afrikaanse Republiek, Congo-Kinshasa, Mali, Oeganda en Zuid-Soedan.