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VARANEN

Black Tree Monitor

Varanus beccarii

A small, black, arboreal monitor from the Aru Islands off New Guinea with a prehensile tail and unusually long forelimbs, which it uses like hands when hunting. The animal is nervous, needs a tall, warm enclosure with high humidity and is difficult to breed, so it is only suitable for an experienced keeper.

Familie: Varanidae Vroegere naam: *Varanus prasinus beccarii; Monitor beccarii*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**80-120 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**220-300 g**
Levensduur	**11-17 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud en moerasgebied**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**150 × 100 × 150 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-30 °C**
Zonneplek	**35-40 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**22-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**55-70%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 2
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**3 eieren**
Incubatie	**157-203 dagen** bij 29-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Onvoldoende gegevens (DD)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult needs a tall enclosure of at least 150 × 100 × 150 cm (length × width × height), and larger is better. A pair needs more space, so the female can get away from the male.

TEMPERATUUR

The daytime temperature in the enclosure should be about 26-30 °C, but may range from 24 to 35 °C across the enclosure. Under a heat lamp there must be a basking spot of 35-40 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Humidity should be 55-70 %, with fluctuations over the day. Spray the floor daily with fresh water so the humidity rises, and let it dry out a little again during the day. The young are kept at over 60 % with daily spraying.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Varanus beccarii is diurnal and should have UVB light. Use a combined heat and UVB lamp of 100-160 W over the basking spot, preferably supplemented with filtered daylight.

VOEDING

The species lives mostly on live insects. Adults are fed cockroaches (e.g. *Blaptica dubia*) supplemented with mealworms, superworms (*Zophobas morio*), crickets and larvae of rose chafers (*Pachnoda*).

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Varanus beccarii is nervous and easily stressed by handling. Bites and claws are a real risk: the teeth are long, the claws sharp, and a frightened animal can also kick and defecate on the person holding it.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Indonesië.