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VARANEN

## Bluetail monitor

# *Varanus doreanus*

*Varanus doreanus* is a large, powerful rainforest monitor from New Guinea and the northernmost part of Australia, with a grey-blue body and a pale blue tail with black bands. Experience with its care and breeding is very limited, and several of the figures are borrowed from close relatives.

Familie: Varanidae

**KERNGEGEVENS**

### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **100-135 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **10-15 jaar** |
| Actief | **Overdag** |
| Levenswijze | **Boombewonend en bodembewonend** |
| Leefgebied | **Regenwoud** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Ervaren** |

### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **300 × 150 × 150 cm**<br>L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier |
| Temperatuur overdag | **26-33 °C** |
| Zonneplek | **40-45 °C** |
| Temperatuur 's nachts | **24-26 °C** |
| Luchtvochtigheid | **60-80%** |
| Water | **Watergedeelte** |
| Watertemperatuur | **26-28 °C** |
| UVB | **Aanbevolen**<br>Fergusonzone 3 |
| Voeding | **Insecten en gewervelde dieren** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair** |

### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Legselgrootte | **4-9 eieren** |
| Incubatie | **164-166 dagen**<br>bij 29 °C |

### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

## Verzorging in het kort

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| **HET TERRARIUM** | *Varanus doreanus* needs a large enclosure with a water pool in which it can swim and dive. |
| **TEMPERATUUR** | By day the enclosure for *Varanus doreanus* should be 26-33 °C, with a basking spot of 40-45 °C. This is the surface temperature at the basking spot measured with an IR thermometer, not the air temperature. |
| **LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER** | The species lives in rainforest with about 1,700 mm of rain a year on Cape York and more in parts of New Guinea. Keep the humidity at 60-80 %. Spray the enclosure daily, and keep the floor damp, but not wet. |
| **VERLICHTING EN UVB** | The species is diurnal and uses basking spots, so UVB is recommended, and Ferguson zone 3 is suitable. |
| **VOEDING** | In the wild *Varanus doreanus* eats reptiles, eggs (especially turtle eggs) and insects such as beetles, and probably also nestling birds. In the enclosure large insects, mice, fish and crabs are suitable. |
| **GEDRAG EN OMGANG** | Adults are powerful and fast and can cause serious injuries. A bite from a monitor of a metre or more can go deep, the claws are sharp and can tear the skin, and the tail is used as a whip. |
| **NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED** | Indonesië, Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea en Australië. |