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VARANEN

Savannah Monitor

Varanus exanthematicus

A powerful, ground-dwelling monitor from the savannas of West and Central Africa that digs deep burrows and lives on snails, millipedes and other invertebrates. *Varanus exanthematicus* is the most traded monitor in the world, but also one of those that most often dies in the hands of new keepers. It grows to 60-100 cm, needs a large, hot enclosure with a deep substrate and does best on a varied, moderate diet.

Familie: Varanidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**60-100 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**750-3.600 g**
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**200 × 100 × 80 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-34 °C**
Zonneplek	**50-57 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**24-29 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**15-50 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-3**
Incubatie	**150-180 dagen** bij 30-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult *Varanus exanthematicus* needs a large, ground-based enclosure of at least 200 × 100 × 80 cm (length × width × height), and more is better. A pair needs about 210 × 150 × 120 cm with 40 cm of substrate.

TEMPERATUUR

Varanus exanthematicus comes from warm, open areas and needs a clear temperature gradient. By day the air temperature in the enclosure should be 29-34 °C, with a cooler end of 26-28 °C.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Varanus exanthematicus comes from dry savannas, but burrows and deep substrate probably hold a higher humidity than the surface. The enclosure should therefore be dry on the surface and moist deep down.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

As a diurnal sun-basker, *Varanus exanthematicus* needs strong light and UVB radiation. UVB is necessary for calcium metabolism.

VOEDING

In the wild *Varanus exanthematicus* feeds on invertebrates, and in captivity the diet should resemble this.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Varanus exanthematicus is not tame by nature. Newly caught animals puff themselves up, hiss, lash with the tail and bite. The animals are strong and have powerful jaws. Deep bites may need stitches and antibiotics.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

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