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VARANEN

Perentie

Varanus giganteus

Varanus giganteus is Australia's largest lizard: a slender, long-necked desert monitor of up to 250 cm with a pale, net-patterned head and transverse rows of large, pale spots on the back. It is fast, diurnal and feeds on reptiles, mammals and carrion. Little is known about its care. The species needs an entire room, intense heat and UVB, and can bite hard and lash with its tail.

Familie: Varanidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**150-250 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend, bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn, halfwoestijn en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**500 × 200 × 200 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**25-35 °C**
Zonneplek	**50-58 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**20-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-60%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**5-17 eieren**
Incubatie	**180-190 dagen** bij 28-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Varanus giganteus*. Care is based on other large Australian ground monitors such as *Varanus gouldii* and *Varanus panoptes*, which have similar requirements.
TEMPERATUUR	*Varanus giganteus* comes from a hot, dry climate and needs a large temperature gradient. The figures for temperature and humidity are borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be 30-60 %, and ventilation should be good, so that the air stays dry and the substrate does not go mouldy.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*Varanus giganteus* is diurnal and basks in open sun, so it needs strong light and UVB. UVB is necessary for the animal to produce vitamin D3, absorb calcium and avoid bone disease.
VOEDING	In the wild, adults eat mostly reptiles, including other monitors, and mammals such as rodents, marsupials and young kangaroos, to a lesser extent birds and eggs, and they also take carrion.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Varanus giganteus* is large, strong and fast. A bite causes deep wounds, swelling within a few minutes, bleeding that is difficult to stop, and pain for several hours. The tail is used as a whip, and the claws are long and sharp.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Australië.