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VARANEN

Sand Monitor

Varanus gouldii

Varanus gouldii is a large, diurnal ground-dwelling monitor from most of Australia and southern Papua New Guinea. It digs, runs fast and eats almost anything it can overpower. The species is hardy in captivity, but it grows to nearly 160 cm, so it needs a home-built enclosure or a whole room, powerful heat and a keeper with experience of large monitors.

Familie: Varanidae Vroegere naam: *Varanus gouldii flavirufus; Varanus flavirufus*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**100-160 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**2.000-6.000 g**
Levensduur	**10-20 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn, halfwoestijn en savanne**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**300 × 150 × 150 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	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**5-17 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-2**
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
An adult needs far more than an ordinary commercial enclosure: a home-built enclosure or a room of at least 300 × 150 × 150 cm (length × width × height) for one animal.

TEMPERATUUR
Varanus gouldii loves sun and needs a large temperature gradient. By day the cool part of the enclosure must be 25-28 °C, and the air just under the lamps at the hot end must reach about 47 °C in adults.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER
The species comes from dry, hot regions. Keep humidity at 30-60 % and ensure good ventilation. The most important thing is that the substrate is slightly damp in depth, so that the burrows hold, while the surface is dry.

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT
Place a large, heavy and low water container at the cool end, so that the animal cannot tip it over, and change the water daily. The animal drinks from it, and large animals may lie in it to cool down.

VERLICHTING EN UVB
Varanus gouldii is diurnal and lives in full sun.

VOEDING
Varanus gouldii eats anything it can overpower, and the diet must be varied and consist of whole prey.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG
Safety: *Varanus gouldii* is large, fast and alert. If it feels threatened, it can rise up, puff itself up, hiss and lash its tail.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED
Australië en Papoea-Nieuw-Guinea.