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VARANEN

Desert Monitor

Varanus griseus

Varanus griseus is a slender, greyish-brown desert monitor found from North Africa through the Middle East to Pakistan and north-western India. It grows to about 1 m long and has narrow, dark bands on the back and tail. It digs, basks a great deal and feeds on small mammals, eggs, reptiles and insects. Little is known about its care, and the species rarely does well in captivity.

Familie: Varanidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-180 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**8-17 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**300 × 120 × 120 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
Winterrust	**12-18 °C** 13-22 weken
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**7-20 eieren**
Incubatie	**120 dagen** bij 29-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage I**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage A**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	Little is known about the care of *Varanus griseus*, and the species rarely does well in captivity.
TEMPERATUUR	*Varanus griseus* comes from deserts with very hot summers and cold winters and needs a large temperature gradient. In the wild its body temperature rarely exceeds 38.5 °C, even when basking.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The air in the enclosure must be dry: 30-60 % (borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*).
VERLICHTING EN UVB	*Varanus griseus* is active by day and basks a great deal, so it needs strong light and UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3.
VOEDING	In the wild *Varanus griseus* eats mainly mice, eggs and fish, but also other small mammals (gerbils, young hares), reptiles, birds, toads, insects, snails, centipedes, scorpions and carrion. The young feed mostly on arthropods.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*Varanus griseus* is shy and fast and remains wild. It never becomes tame or accustomed to handling, and an animal that is frightened and cold stands its ground and becomes very aggressive.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Marokko, Westelijke Sahara, Mauritanië, Algerije, Tunesië, Libië, Egypte, Niger, Tsjaad, Nigeria, Mali, Soedan, Israël, Palestijnse gebieden, Syrië, Jordanië, Libanon, Irak, Saoedi-Arabië, Verenigde Arabische Emiraten, Qatar, Oman, Koeweit, Turkije, Iran, Pakistan en India.