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VARANEN

Pygmy Rock Monitor

Varanus kingorum

One of the world's smallest monitors: a reddish-brown, dark-spotted rock dweller from northern Australia that grows to 18-40 cm including the tail. It lives on insects, is diurnal and bold in the enclosure, and needs many narrow hides, plenty of heat and a deep, slightly damp substrate to dig in.

Familie: Varanidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**18-40 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**8-12 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Gevorderd**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**27-32 °C**
Zonneplek	**45-50 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-22 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-60%**
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**6-10 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**2-4 eieren**
Incubatie	**89-126 dagen** bij 27-31 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

An adult pair needs an enclosure of at least 90 × 45 × 45 cm (length × width × height), and larger is better. The shape is low and long, because the species lives on the ground and among stones.

TEMPERATUUR

The species needs a lot of heat. Under a basking spot the surface temperature must be 45-50 °C, measured with an IR thermometer directly on the stone or bark, not in the air. This is only a small area.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The air in the enclosure can be relatively dry, about 40-60 %, but the substrate must be kept evenly damp. Add small amounts of water to the soil at regular intervals, and do not pour in water in large quantities.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species is diurnal and does best with strong light and UVB. Use a combination of a heat bulb and a UVB tube, for example a 10-12 % T5 tube over the warm part of the enclosure.

VOEDING

Varanus kingorum lives exclusively on insects. Fast insects such as crickets and red runner roaches are clearly preferable to slow dubia roaches and mealworms.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

V. kingorum is bold and active in the enclosure and moves around in the open during the day when it has plenty of hides. It is fast and can jump onto the hand when it sees food.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Australië.