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VARANEN

Banggai Island monitor

Varanus melinus

Varanus melinus is a medium-sized, yellow monitor from the Sula Islands in Indonesia. Adults are intensely yellow, and the juveniles are black with yellow spots. The species needs a large enclosure with a pool and very warm basking spots, feeds on insects and vertebrates, and is threatened in the wild, so it suits only an experienced keeper.

Familie: Varanidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**90-130 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**8-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Regenwoud**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**300 × 120 × 150 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**26-33 °C**
Zonneplek	**40-45 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**24-26 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**60-80%**
Water	**Watergedeelte** diepte 80 cm
UVB	**Aanbevolen** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in paren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Legselgrootte	**2-12 eieren**
Incubatie	**164-171 dagen** bij 28-29 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Bijlage II**
EU-bijlage	**Bijlage B**
IUCN	**Bedreigd (EN)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	A single adult needs at least 300 × 120 × 150 cm (length × width × height), and larger is better. A pair needs at least 400 × 120 × 150 cm, which can be divided into two equal halves, so that the animals can be separated.
TEMPERATUUR	The background temperature in the enclosure is 26-33 °C during the day, and the basking spot under the heat lamps should reach 40-45 °C, measured as surface temperature with an IR thermometer.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	Humidity should be high, about 60-80 % as in related species in the group that includes *V. indicus*. Mist the juveniles daily with rainwater; the pool also adds to the humidity.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	The species is diurnal and basks a lot. Provide UVB from fluorescent tubes or heat lamps with UVB, so that the animal can choose its dose (Ferguson zone 3).
VOEDING	The species is carnivorous.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	Adults of this size have teeth and claws that can cause deep wounds, and the tail is compressed and can be used to whip. How powerful the bite and tail whip are in this particular species is not documented.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Indonesië.