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VARANEN

Northern Blunt-spined Monitor

Varanus primordius

A small, diurnal ground monitor from the tropical northern part of the Northern Territory in Australia. *Varanus primordius* digs and basks in intense heat and lives on insects, small reptiles and their eggs. The species is rare in captivity, and there are few reliable care figures, so it is only for the experienced keeper.

Familie: Varanidae Vroegere naam: *Varanus acanthurus primordius; Worrellisaurus primordius*

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-46 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Rotsbewonend, bodembewonend en gravend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en rotsachtig terrein**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**24-38 °C**
Zonneplek	**55-65 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**22-26 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**20-50%**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**8-14 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**2-5 eieren**
Legsels per jaar	**1-5**
Incubatie	**80-120 dagen** bij 28,5-30,5 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM	*Varanus primordius* is a small but very active ground-dwelling monitor. An adult needs at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height), preferably larger, and a home-built terrarium with front doors is often best.
TEMPERATUUR	*V. primordius* is a sun-seeking animal and needs a lot of heat. Measure the surface temperature of the basking spot with an IR thermometer, not the air. The basking spot must have a surface temperature of 55-65 °C.
LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER	The air must be dry, 20-50 % relative humidity. More important than the air is the humidity of the substrate.
VERLICHTING EN UVB	Diurnal, sun-seeking monitors need strong UVB light. Use a powerful UVB tube or a metal halide lamp in a reflector fitting, mounted at a safe distance from the basking spot, and count on Ferguson zone 3.
VOEDING	In the wild *Varanus primordius* lives on insects, small reptiles and reptile eggs.
GEDRAG EN OMGANG	*V. primordius* is small, so bites and claws are seldom serious, but small monitors can still cause scratches that bleed. Always keep a high level of hygiene and wash hands after touching, because monitors can carry salmonella.
NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED	Australië.