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## Spencer's Monitor

# *Varanus spenceri*

*Varanus spenceri* is a heavily built, ground-dwelling monitor of up to 120 cm that lives on the treeless black-soil plains of north-eastern Australia and shelters in cracks and burrows in the ground. It eats almost anything it can overpower and plays dead when threatened. The species is extremely rare outside Australia, and little is known about its care.

Familie: Varanidae  Vroegere naam: *Varanus ingrami*

**KERNGEGEVENS**

### HET DIER

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| Volwassen grootte | **100-120 cm**<br>totale lengte incl. staart |
| Levensduur | **10-20 jaar** |
| Actief | **Overdag** |
| Levenswijze | **Bodembewonend en gravend** |
| Leefgebied | **Halfwoestijn en savanne** |
| Moeilijkheidsgraad | **Expert** |

### VERZORGING

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| Min. terrarium | **300 × 120 × 120 cm**<br>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**<br>Fergusonzone 3 |
| Voeding | **Insecten en gewervelde dieren** |
| Gehouden | **Solitair** |

### KWEEK

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| Voortplanting | **Eierleggend** |
| Legselgrootte | **11-30 eieren** |
| Incubatie | **180-190 dagen**<br>bij 27-29 °C |

### BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

## Verzorging in het kort

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| **HET TERRARIUM** | Little is known about the care of *Varanus spenceri*, because the species is hardly kept outside zoological gardens. |
| **TEMPERATUUR** | Monitors are diurnal, and *Varanus spenceri* needs a large temperature gradient: a warm basking spot and cooler zones where the animal can withdraw. |
| **LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER** | The species comes from dry plains, so humidity in the enclosure should be low: 30-60 %, with good ventilation. The figures are borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*. |
| **VERLICHTING EN UVB** | *Varanus spenceri* is diurnal and lives in open landscape without shade, where it basks a great deal. |
| **VOEDING** | In the wild the species eats almost anything it can overpower: snakes, small mammals, small lizards, eggs and carrion. In captivity the diet should be varied and consist of whole prey. |
| **GEDRAG EN OMGANG** | Safety: *Varanus spenceri* is strong and has sharp claws and a powerful tail, and a bite from an animal of up to a metre can cause deep wounds. A threatened animal hisses, puffs out its throat and lashes with its tail. |
| **NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED** | Australië. |