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VARANEN

Lace Monitor

Varanus varius

Varanus varius is a powerful, diurnal climbing monitor from eastern Australia. It grows to about 2 m including the tail, is the closest living relative of *V. komodoensis* and as an adult needs a whole room or a large outdoor enclosure. It is not an animal for beginners, and only little detailed care information exists.

Familie: Varanidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**100-200 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Gewicht	**3.000-14.000 g**
Levensduur	**10-15 jaar**
Actief	**Overdag**
Levenswijze	**Boombewonend en bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Savanne en gematigd bos en grasland**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Expert**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**400 × 200 × 200 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**28-35 °C**
Zonneplek	**45-60 °C**
Temperatuur ’s nachts	**18-24 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**40-70%**
Water	**Waterbak**
UVB	**Onmisbaar** Fergusonzone 3
Voeding	**Insecten en gewervelde dieren**
Gehouden	**Solitair**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**24-60 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**4-14 eieren**
Incubatie	**180-270 dagen** bij 29-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

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

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

One adult needs an enclosure of at least 400 × 200 × 200 cm (length × width × height). The enclosure must be at least twice as long and as wide as the animal, and the largest animals reach about 2 m.

TEMPERATUUR

Varanus varius is diurnal and basks a lot. The basking spot must be a large, warm surface where the surface reaches 45-60 °C. This is a surface temperature measured with an IR thermometer, not air temperature.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

The species does not require high humidity, and 40-70 % is a reasonable starting point (an estimate, not documented for captivity). The enclosure must have both dry areas and a more humid corner so that shedding goes easily.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

As a diurnal species that basks a lot, *Varanus varius* needs strong light and UVB.

VOEDING

In the wild the species eats mainly mammals and carrion and also insects, reptiles, birds and eggs. Detailed feeding plans for captivity are not documented for the species, so the main rule is borrowed from other large monitors.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Safety: *Varanus varius* is strong and fast and can bite, scratch and lash with its tail. The teeth are long and sharp, and a bite can cause deep wounds that bleed heavily, swell and hurt for hours.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Australië.