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WORMSALAMANDERS

Koh Tao Caecilian

Ichthyophis kohtaoensis

Ichthyophis kohtaoensis is a burrowing caecilian from South-East Asia with a life in two parts: the adults live in damp soil, while the young hatch as aquatic larvae with external gills. The female lays the eggs in an earth burrow beside water and guards them. Little is known about the care of the species.

Familie: Ichthyophiidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**30-40 cm** totale lengte incl. staart
Levensduur	**5-10 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Gravend**
Leefgebied	**Droog bos en regenwoud**
Huidgif	**Geen bekend**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Ontwikkeling	**Larven in het water**
Legplaats	**Op de grond**
Eieren per seizoen	**20-40**
Larvenperiode	**120-240 dagen** van uitkomen tot metamorfose
Voeding van de larven	**Kleine waterongewervelden (watervlooien, muggenlarven)**
Broedzorg	**Bewaakt de eieren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**50 × 30 × 35 cm** L × B × H voor 1 volwassen dier
Temperatuur overdag	**23-25 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**21-23 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**90-100%**
Water	**Geen waterbak**
UVB	**Niet nodig**
Voeding	**Wormen/slakken**
Gehouden	**Solitair of in groepen**

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Onvoldoende gegevens (DD)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

Little is known about the care of *Ichthyophis kohtaoensis*. The care advice is based on experience with burrowing caecilians of the same size that are kept in the same way, including *Geotrypetes seraphini*.

TEMPERATUUR

Keep 23-25 °C by day and 21-23 °C at night. The temperature must be stable and vary by no more than about 3 °C; rapid and large fluctuations are poorly tolerated.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN SPROEIEN

The substrate must be evenly damp, but not so wet that water can be squeezed out of a handful, and there must never be standing water at the bottom of the box. The air in the box is as good as saturated with moisture (90-100 %).

WATER EN WATERKWALITEIT

The adults do not need a water bowl. They get water from the damp substrate and from condensation on the walls of the box, and a water bowl easily makes the substrate too wet.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

The species lives underground and does not need UVB or special lighting. A normal day-night rhythm in the room with 10-14 hours of light is enough. The box must not stand in direct sunlight.

VOEDING

Earthworms are the main food and are taken by almost all terrestrial caecilians. Use small to medium earthworms, for example compost worms, and cut them into pieces for juveniles. Put 10-15 worms in the box every other week.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Ichthyophis kohtaoensis lives hidden and spends almost all its time buried.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Thailand, Cambodja, Laos, Myanmar (Birma) en Vietnam.