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## Mexican Caecilian

# *Dermophis mexicanus*

*Dermophis mexicanus* is a large, limbless, burrowing caecilian from Mexico and Central America. It looks like a big earthworm, lives in moist, loose soil and gives birth to live young after a gestation of 11 months. Little is known about keeping the species.

Família: Dermophiidae

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **30-60 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **5-10 anos** |
| Ativo | **Ao crepúsculo e à noite** |
| Estilo de vida | **Escavador** |
| Habitat | **Floresta seca, floresta tropical e floresta de montanha** |
| Toxinas na pele | **Nenhuma conhecida** |
| Dificuldade | **Experiente** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **60 × 40 × 45 cm**<br>C × L × A para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, dia | **22-25 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **21-23 °C** |
| Umidade | **90-100%** |
| Água | **Sem recipiente de água** |
| UVB | **Não necessário** |
| Alimentação | **Insetos, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho ou em grupo** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Vivíparo** |
| Desenvolvimento | **Vivíparo** |
| Maturidade sexual | **24-36 meses** |
| Tamanho da ninhada | **3-16 filhotes** |
| Gestação | **335 dias** |
| Cuidado parental | **Nenhum** |

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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| CITES | **Não listado** |
| Anexo da UE | **Não listado** |
| IUCN | **Menos preocupante (LC)** |

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | Little is known about keeping *Dermophis mexicanus*, but the species is one of the terrestrial caecilians most often found in the trade. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | Keep 22-25 °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. |
| **UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO** | The substrate must be evenly moist, 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 practically saturated (90-100 %). |
| **ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA** | There should be no water bowl. The animal gets water from the moist substrate and from condensation on the walls of the box, and a water bowl easily makes the substrate too wet. The water is used only to moisten the substrate. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | The species lives underground and does not need UVB or any special lighting. An ordinary day-night rhythm in the room with 10-14 hours of light is enough. The box should not stand in direct sunlight. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | Earthworms are the staple food and are taken by almost all terrestrial caecilians. Use small to medium earthworms, such as compost worms, and cut them into pieces for juveniles. Put 10-15 worms in the box every other week. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *Dermophis mexicanus* lives hidden and spends almost all of its time buried. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | México, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicarágua, Costa Rica e Panamá. |