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## 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.

Família: Ichthyophiidae

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **30-40 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **5-10 anos** |
| Ativo | **À noite** |
| Estilo de vida | **Escavador** |
| Habitat | **Floresta seca e floresta tropical** |
| Toxinas na pele | **Nenhuma conhecida** |
| Dificuldade | **Experiente** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **50 × 30 × 35 cm**<br>C × L × A para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, dia | **23-25 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **21-23 °C** |
| Umidade | **90-100%** |
| Água | **Sem recipiente de água** |
| UVB | **Não necessário** |
| Alimentação | **Minhocas/caracóis** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho ou em grupo** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Desenvolvimento | **Larvas na água** |
| Local de postura | **No chão** |
| Ovos por temporada | **20-40** |
| Fase larval | **120-240 dias**<br>da eclosão até a metamorfose |
| Alimentação das larvas | **Pequenos invertebrados aquáticos (dáfnias, larvas de mosquito)** |
| Cuidado parental | **Vigia os ovos** |

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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| CITES | **Não listado** |
| Anexo da UE | **Não listado** |
| IUCN | **Dados insuficientes (DD)** |

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | 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*. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | 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. |
| **UMIDADE E NEBULIZAÇÃO** | 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 %). |
| **ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA** | 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. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E 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. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | 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. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *Ichthyophis kohtaoensis* lives hidden and spends almost all its time buried. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | Tailândia, Camboja, Laos, Mianmar (Birmânia) e Vietnã. |