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LACERTÍDEOS

Northern Caiman Lizard

Dracaena guianensis

Dracaena guianensis is a large, powerfully built, semi-aquatic lizard from the Amazon with a green body, a reddish-orange head and a broad, laterally compressed swimming tail. It grows to nearly 125 cm and feeds almost exclusively on snails and mussels, which it crushes with flat molar-like teeth. The species needs a very large, warm and humid vivarium with a large water section and an experienced keeper.

Família: Teiidae Nome anterior: *Teius crocodilurus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**100-125 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e semiaquático**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 90 × 120 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**27-32 °C**
Ponto quente	**38-41 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**24-27 °C**
Umidade	**60-80%**
Água	**Área aquática** profundidade 30-40 cm
Temperatura da água	**24-29 °C**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**4-7 ovos**
Incubação	**160-180 dias** a 28-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Only limited knowledge exists about the care of *Dracaena guianensis*, and the species is a demanding animal.
TEMPERATURA	During the day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a strong basking branch over the water with a surface temperature of 38-41 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 60-80%. The water section and plants retain moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A misting system or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large vivarium.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	The animal must be able to lie in water and dive completely under, so the water section is a permanent part of the vivarium and not just a bowl.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Dracaena guianensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *Dracaena guianensis* eats almost nothing but snails and mussels. Give snails as the staple diet: farmed land snails (e.g. *Helix* and *Achatina*) without the shell, thawed or tinned.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Dracaena guianensis* is intelligent, curious and normally calm, but it is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Brasil, Colômbia, Equador, Peru e Guiana Francesa.