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## Paraguay Caiman Lizard

# *Dracaena paraguayensis*

*Dracaena paraguayensis* is a large, heavily built, semi-aquatic lizard from the flooded lowlands of Paraguay, Bolivia and Mato Grosso in Brazil. It has a large, heavy head and flat, molar-like teeth that crush the shells of snails and mussels, its main food. Its care is hardly documented and requires a very large, warm paludarium and an experienced keeper.

Família: Teiidae

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **80-100 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **10-15 anos** |
| Ativo | **De dia** |
| Estilo de vida | **Arborícola e semiaquático** |
| Habitat | **Savana e área úmida** |
| Dificuldade | **Experiente** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **180 × 90 × 120 cm**<br>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**<br>profundidade 30-40 cm |
| Temperatura da água | **24-29 °C** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona de Ferguson 3 |
| Alimentação | **Insetos, vertebrados e minhocas/caracóis** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | Almost nothing is known about the care of *Dracaena paraguayensis*, and the species is rarely kept and is demanding. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | By day the air should be 27-32 °C. The basking spot is a powerful 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 hold moisture, and a damp substrate helps. A fogger or a rain system that runs a couple of times a day for 10 minutes gives an even humidity in a large enclosure. |
| **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 enclosure and not just a bowl. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | *Dracaena paraguayensis* is diurnal and basks a great deal, so it needs light, UVA and UVB for 12 hours a day. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | In the wild *Dracaena paraguayensis* eats almost only snails and mussels. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *Dracaena paraguayensis* is a strong animal with a powerful bite and a hard tail. Threatened animals lash with the tail and bite. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | Paraguai, Brasil e Bolívia. |