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COBRAS

Central American Boa

Boa imperator

Boa imperator is a heavily built boa from Central America and north-western South America, brown to grey with dark saddle markings and a tail that often turns reddish towards the tip. Young animals climb, adults live mostly on the ground. It reaches 130-250 cm, is active at dusk and at night and lives 20-30 years. It requires a large enclosure, infrequent, small meals and a keeper who can take responsibility for decades.

Família: Boidae Nome anterior: *Boa constrictor imperator*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**130-250 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-30 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto, floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**180 × 90 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-32 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**55-75%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-48 meses**
Tamanho da ninhada	**10-65 filhotes**
Gestação	**100-120 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult animal needs an enclosure of at least 180 × 90 × 90 cm (length × width × height), and larger and taller is clearly better.
TEMPERATURA	The species needs a gradient from cool to warm. The air at the basking spot should be 30-32 °C and the cool end 24-26 °C, and the whole enclosure should contain zones between 24 and 32 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 55-75 % and fluctuate a little. Briefly above 70 % does no harm if the enclosure is allowed to dry out, whereas persistent damp causes mould. Before a shed, 75-85 % can help the animal to shed in one piece.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is crepuscular and nocturnal, so it does not need strong light, but UVB is recommended. It belongs to Ferguson zone 2: occasional sun-basking. The target is a UV index of 2-3 at the basking spot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*B. imperator* is a carnivore and must be given whole prey. Young animals get mice and small rats, and adults get rats, young rabbits, guinea pigs, chicks and quail. Variety is healthy.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*B. imperator* is an intelligent, individual snake. Many animals tolerate and like handling, but some prefer to be left in peace.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	México, Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicarágua, Costa Rica, Panamá, Colômbia e Equador.