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COBRAS

Kenyan Sand Boa

Eryx colubrinus

Eryx colubrinus is a small, heavily built boa from the arid regions of East Africa that spends most of its time buried in sand with only its upward-facing eyes above the surface. It is calm, does not need much space and can live to 20-30 years, so it is a good choice for anyone wanting a first snake.

Família: Boidae Nome anterior: *Gongylophis colubrinus; Eryx thebaicus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**40-65 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-30 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**33-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-25 °C**
Umidade	**20-40%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Tamanho da ninhada	**10-20 filhotes**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Gestação	**120-180 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

An adult *Eryx colubrinus* needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height), preferably 90 × 45 × 45 cm. Females that are larger than average need more than the minimum.

TEMPERATURA

Eryx colubrinus tolerates dry, hot conditions. There must be a warm end and a cool end. The surface under the heat source should be 33-35 °C, and the cool end 26-28 °C. At night the temperature may fall to 22-25 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Eryx colubrinus lives in a dry climate, and the enclosure should be dry most of the time. Humidity is best around 20-40 %; the figure is an estimate based on the habitat.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Eryx colubrinus is most active at dusk and at night and can live without UVB, but a weak UVB tube is recommended, because it supports the daily rhythm and covers the need for vitamin D3.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Eryx colubrinus is a carnivore and takes whole prey. The staple food is mice: adult females can take a large adult mouse, adult males a large hopper mouse.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Eryx colubrinus is calm and seldom bites. Let new animals settle in for two weeks and begin handling only when they are eating regularly.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Egito, Sudão, Sudão do Sul, Etiópia, Eritreia, Quênia, Tanzânia e Somália.