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COBRAS

Indian Sand Boa

Eryx johnii

Eryx johnii is a small, stoutly built sand boa from dry South Asia. It spends most of its time buried in loose soil, often with the blunt tail, which resembles a head, as the only visible part. It is calm, rarely bites and does not need much space, so it suits well as a first snake.

Família: Boidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**50-90 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-30 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Iniciante**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**60 × 30 × 30 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-35 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-25 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Opcional**
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Vivíparo**
Tamanho da ninhada	**4-14 filhotes**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Gestação	**120-180 dias**

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Quase ameaçado (NT)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

An adult *Eryx johnii* needs an enclosure of at least 60 × 30 × 30 cm (length × width × height). The species uses almost no height, so floor area is what counts; a large female needs a larger enclosure.

TEMPERATURA

Eryx johnii needs a warm and a cool end. The sand at the warm spot must be 32-35 °C and at the cool end 24-28 °C. The air in the enclosure must be 26-28 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Eryx johnii comes from dry lowland areas, and humidity should be about 40-50 %. During a shed it can be up to 60 %. A hygrometer shows whether the figure holds.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Eryx johnii is most active at dusk and at night, and UVB has not been documented as necessary for the species.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

Eryx johnii takes whole prey and is known for its good appetite. The staple food is mice; large adult females can take small rats. The young are large at birth and can start on newborn rats or small fuzzy mice.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Eryx johnii is calm and rarely tries to bite; when frightened, it is more likely to thrash its body without striking. If it bites anyway, the hand must not be pulled away, because that can injure the snake.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Afeganistão, Paquistão, Irã, Índia e Nepal.