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COBRAS

False Water Cobra

Hydrodynastes gigas

Hydrodynastes gigas is a large, fast and inquisitive diurnal colubrid from South American wetlands that can grow to over two metres long. When threatened it flattens its neck like a cobra but keeps its body horizontal. It is rear-fanged and mildly venomous: most bites cause only local pain and swelling, but a few cause a strong reaction. It needs a very large terrarium.

Família: Colubridae Nome anterior: *Cyclagras gigas; Hydrodynastes melanogigas*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**150-250 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**1.000-4.500 g**
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e semiaquático**
Habitat	**Savana e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**240 × 90 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-27 °C**
Ponto quente	**30-33 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-23 °C**
Umidade	**30-60%**
Água	**Área aquática**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Repouso de inverno	**15-21 °C** 6-10 semanas
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**6-42 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**75 dias** a 27-28 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult animal needs a terrarium of at least 240 × 90 × 60 cm (length × width × height), and more is always better. *Hydrodynastes gigas* is active and patrols all day, so floor area is what matters most.
TEMPERATURA	*H. gigas* requires a distinct temperature gradient. By day the background temperature should be 24-27 °C, and the basking spot should be 30-33 °C. At night the temperature falls to 20-23 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be moderate, 30-60%, all year. *Hydrodynastes gigas* is not a rainforest species and does poorly in constantly wet surroundings, but a damp layer in the substrate and a humid hide help during shedding.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is diurnal and spends a lot of time patrolling and basking. Strong light and UVB give more natural behaviour, and the snake prefers to go under a UVB source rather than under a heat lamp of the same temperature.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *Hydrodynastes gigas* eats mostly amphibians, fish and reptiles, and only a little birds and mammals.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*H. gigas* is inquisitive, clever and active, and it spends the day patrolling, swimming, digging and climbing. It needs a lot of space. Animals that do not get enough space may begin to pace back and forth along the glass.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Brasil, Bolívia, Paraguai, Argentina, Guiana Francesa, Suriname, Guiana e Venezuela.