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## Reticulated Python

# *Malayopython reticulatus*

*Malayopython reticulatus* is the world's longest snake: a smooth, powerful python from the rainforests and wetlands of South-East Asia with a pattern of black, yellow and white diamonds. Adults of the standard form reach 450-600 cm, and the species needs a very large enclosure with a deep pool, 31-34 °C at the basking spot and a keeper with great experience. There are smaller locality forms of 150-490 cm.

Família: Pythonidae  Nome anterior: *Python reticulatus; Broghammerus reticulatus; Morelia reticulatus*

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **450-600 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **20-25 anos** |
| Ativo | **Ao crepúsculo e à noite** |
| Estilo de vida | **Arborícola, terrestre e semiaquático** |
| Habitat | **Floresta tropical e área úmida** |
| Dificuldade | **Especialista** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **450 × 225 × 150 cm**<br>C × L × A para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, dia | **24-26 °C** |
| Ponto quente | **31-34 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **23-25 °C** |
| Umidade | **65-90%** |
| Água | **Área aquática** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona de Ferguson 2 |
| Alimentação | **Vertebrados** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Maturidade sexual | **18-36 meses** |
| Tamanho da postura | **25-50 ovos** |
| Posturas por ano | **1** |
| Incubação | **80-90 dias**<br>a 30-32 °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** | *Malayopython reticulatus* is so large that an adult belongs in a purpose-built room rather than in an ordinary enclosure. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | Provide a clear gradient. The hot spot (the surface under the heat lamp) should be 31-34 °C, the cool end 24-26 °C and the night 23-25 °C. The temperature must not go below 22 °C or above 38 °C. |
| **UMIDADE E ÁGUA** | The humidity should be 65-90%, at the same level as in the native range, and small fluctuations are fine. The substrate must not be wet all the time, because that is just as bad as air that is too dry. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | The species is active both day and night. Captive-bred generations manage without UVB, but daylight and UVB probably benefit the daily rhythm, appetite and immune system, and they are recommended. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | *M. reticulatus* is a carnivore and needs whole prey of mammals and birds. Rats are the standard, but variety is important. In the wild the prey ranges from bats and rodents to birds, wild boar, deer and sun bears. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *Malayopython reticulatus* is an intelligent and very active snake. It lives alone in the wild, and in captivity the animals are kept singly. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | Bangladesh, Mianmar (Birmânia), Tailândia, Camboja, Laos, Vietnã, Malásia, Singapura, Brunei, Indonésia, Timor-Leste, Filipinas e Índia. |