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COBRAS

Rough-scaled Python

Morelia carinata

Morelia carinata is a slender, tree-dwelling python from a small area of the Kimberley in north-western Australia. It is dark brown with pale spots, has keeled scales that feel like sandpaper and unusually long teeth. The species is one of Australia's rarest snakes in the wild, grows to about 2 m in length and is active at dusk and at night. Little documented knowledge of its care exists.

Família: Pythonidae Nome anterior: *Python carinatus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**150-200 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**600-800 g**
Longevidade	**20-25 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e rupícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 100 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**33-36 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-25 °C**
Umidade	**50-65%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**18-36 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**6-15 ovos**
Incubação	**55-70 dias** a 30-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little documented knowledge exists about the care of *Morelia carinata*, because the species is rare and first came into captivity in 2000.
TEMPERATURA	The enclosure must have a clear gradient: a warm and a cold end, so that the snake chooses for itself. Use a daytime temperature of 26-30 °C, a basking and heat spot of 33-36 °C and a cold end of about 25-27 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity is kept at 50-65 %, a little above the 40-60 % that suits most *Morelia* species, because the species lives in monsoon rainforest and humid gorges. The figure is an estimate; measurements from the habitat do not exist.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is active at dusk and at night. Pythons have long been kept without UVB, but UVB probably benefits their health and is therefore recommended, as for the other *Morelia* species.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Morelia carinata* eats whole prey. Use frozen and fully thawed mice and rats, never live animals. Thaw the prey in a closed container and warm it to body temperature. Never heat it in a microwave, and never offer it half-frozen.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Morelia carinata* is calm and rarely bites. Leave a new snake in peace for a couple of weeks, until it eats. Then start with short, calm sessions, and avoid the head and tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.