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COBRAS

Carpet Python

Morelia spilota

Morelia spilota is a powerful, semi-arboreal python with a very wide distribution in Australia and southern New Guinea. The pattern varies from bands and blotches to black and yellow markings, and the size from about 120 to 300 cm depending on the subspecies. It becomes calm with age and thrives in a large, tall enclosure, but it grows large and lives for 20-30 years.

Família: Pythonidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**120-300 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**20-30 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Savana, floresta seca e floresta tropical**
Dificuldade	**Intermediário**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**150 × 75 × 90 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**32-38 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-25 °C**
Umidade	**40-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**10-50 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**50-55 dias** a 31-32 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult *Morelia spilota* needs an enclosure of at least 150 × 75 × 90 cm. This suits the smaller subspecies of 1.5-2 m. For the larger ones, up to 3 m, the enclosure must be at least 200 × 100 × 90 cm.
TEMPERATURA	The enclosure must have a clear gradient. The surface under the heat lamp should be 32-38 °C, the cool end 24-26 °C and the night 22-25 °C. The smaller *M. s. cheynei* from the rainforest manages with 29-33 °C under the lamp.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species is not fussy about humidity and copes with a wide range. Keep it at 40-60 % with a large bowl of fresh water. A hide with damp sphagnum helps during shedding.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	The species is mainly nocturnal, but can be active by day. UVB is not necessary to keep it alive, but it is recommended, because it supports D3 absorption and the daily rhythm.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Morelia spilota* eats whole prey animals. Use frozen and thawed mice and rats, not live, and warm them to about 38 °C. Hamsters, gerbils, quail and chicks can be used for variety.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Morelia spilota* is inquisitive and active and usually gets used to handling well. Juveniles under 1-2 years are often nervous and bite; they calm down with age.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália, Indonésia e Papua-Nova Guiné.