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Green Tree Python

Morelia viridis

Morelia viridis is a bright green, arboreal python from the rainforests of southern New Guinea and Cape York. It rests in tight coils over a branch and strikes at prey from a fixed ambush perch. The young are yellow and turn green during the first year of life. The species is beautiful and long-lived, but makes demands on humidity, peace and handling.

Família: Pythonidae Nome anterior: *Chondropython viridis; Python viridis*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**100-160 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**15-20 anos**
Ativo	**Ao crepúsculo e à noite**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e floresta de montanha**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**90 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-28 °C**
Ponto quente	**27-31 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-22 °C**
Umidade	**40-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**29-43 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**6-32 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1**
Incubação	**39-65 dias** a 29-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult needs an enclosure of at least 90 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height). Larger is better, and 120 × 60 × 60 cm is a good size for an adult female.
TEMPERATURA	There must be a clear gradient. The basking spot on the uppermost branch should be 27-31 °C and the cooler part of the enclosure 24-26 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	Humidity should be 40-70 % and fluctuate: higher just after misting and then falling to about 40 % before misting again.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	Young animals are diurnal, and adults are most active at dusk and at night, but both benefit from clear daylight. The light should be on for 12 hours a day and switched off completely at night.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*M. viridis* eats whole prey. Adults are fed mice, small rats, hamsters, gerbils and quail, preferably varied, and young are fed small mice. Prey must be thawed from frozen and warmed to about 38 °C.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Morelia viridis* is shy and sedentary. It rarely becomes as tame as many colubrids and should not be handled every day. It has a reputation for biting, but this is most often a result of rough treatment.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Indonésia, Papua-Nova Guiné e Austrália.