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## Indian Rock Python

# *Python molurus*

*Python molurus* is a large, placid python from the forests, grasslands and rocky foothills of South Asia, with brownish, pale-edged blotches on a light background. Adults are usually 250-350 cm, and females are far heavier than males. The species tolerates drier conditions than the closely related *Python bivittatus*, needs a very large, escape-proof enclosure with a pool and a great deal of experience, and can live for 20 years or more.

Família: Pythonidae  Nome anterior: *Python molurus molurus*

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **250-400 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **15-25 anos** |
| Ativo | **Ao crepúsculo e à noite** |
| Estilo de vida | **Terrestre e semiaquático** |
| Habitat | **Savana, floresta seca e área úmida** |
| Dificuldade | **Especialista** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **300 × 150 × 120 cm**<br>C × L × A para 1 adulto |
| Temperatura, dia | **27-31 °C** |
| Ponto quente | **32-34 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **26-28 °C** |
| Umidade | **50-60%** |
| Água | **Área aquática** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona de Ferguson 2 |
| Alimentação | **Vertebrados** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Maturidade sexual | **24-36 meses** |
| Tamanho da postura | **12-100 ovos** |
| Incubação | **65-85 dias**<br>a 28-32 °C |

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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| CITES | **Apêndice I** |
| Anexo da UE | **Anexo A** |
| IUCN | **Quase ameaçado (NT)** |

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | Only a little care information exists that applies solely to *Python molurus*; size, heat and diet are therefore borrowed from *Python bivittatus*, which is kept in the same way in captivity. The figures are cautious estimates. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | The enclosure must have a distinct gradient. The basking spot should be 32-34 °C, measured with an infrared thermometer, the rest of the enclosure 27-31 °C by day and 26-28 °C at night. |
| **UMIDADE E ÁGUA** | Humidity should be 50-60 %, measured with a digital hygrometer in the middle of the enclosure. This is slightly lower than for *Python bivittatus*, because *P. molurus* lives in drier areas, but never far from water. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | The species is most active at dusk and at night, but needs a fixed day-night rhythm with about 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | *P. molurus* is a carnivore and needs whole prey animals, mammals and birds. Rats are standard, and as the snake grows, rabbits, guinea pigs, quail and chicks are used. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *P. molurus* is sluggish and calm and rarely aggressive, but an animal over 250 cm is stronger than a human and can be life-threatening. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | Índia, Paquistão, Nepal, Butão e Bangladesh. |