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VARANOS

Black Tree Monitor

Varanus beccarii

A small, black, arboreal monitor from the Aru Islands off New Guinea with a prehensile tail and unusually long forelimbs, which it uses like hands when hunting. The animal is nervous, needs a tall, warm enclosure with high humidity and is difficult to breed, so it is only suitable for an experienced keeper.

Família: Varanidae Nome anterior: *Varanus prasinus beccarii; Monitor beccarii*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**80-120 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**220-300 g**
Longevidade	**11-17 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**150 × 100 × 150 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**35-40 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-24 °C**
Umidade	**55-70%**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 2
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**3 ovos**
Incubação	**157-203 dias** a 29-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice II**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo B**
IUCN	**Dados insuficientes (DD)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO

An adult needs a tall enclosure of at least 150 × 100 × 150 cm (length × width × height), and larger is better. A pair needs more space, so the female can get away from the male.

TEMPERATURA

The daytime temperature in the enclosure should be about 26-30 °C, but may range from 24 to 35 °C across the enclosure. Under a heat lamp there must be a basking spot of 35-40 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA

Humidity should be 55-70 %, with fluctuations over the day. Spray the floor daily with fresh water so the humidity rises, and let it dry out a little again during the day. The young are kept at over 60 % with daily spraying.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB

Varanus beccarii is diurnal and should have UVB light. Use a combined heat and UVB lamp of 100-160 W over the basking spot, preferably supplemented with filtered daylight.

ALIMENTAÇÃO

The species lives mostly on live insects. Adults are fed cockroaches (e.g. *Blaptica dubia*) supplemented with mealworms, superworms (*Zophobas morio*), crickets and larvae of rose chafers (*Pachnoda*).

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO

Varanus beccarii is nervous and easily stressed by handling. Bites and claws are a real risk: the teeth are long, the claws sharp, and a frightened animal can also kick and defecate on the person holding it.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL

Indonésia.