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VARANOS

Savannah Monitor

Varanus exanthematicus

A powerful, ground-dwelling monitor from the savannas of West and Central Africa that digs deep burrows and lives on snails, millipedes and other invertebrates. *Varanus exanthematicus* is the most traded monitor in the world, but also one of those that most often dies in the hands of new keepers. It grows to 60-100 cm, needs a large, hot enclosure with a deep substrate and does best on a varied, moderate diet.

Família: Varanidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**60-100 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**750-3.600 g**
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**200 × 100 × 80 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-34 °C**
Ponto quente	**50-57 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**24-29 °C**
Umidade	**40-70%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e minhocas/caracóis**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**15-50 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-3**
Incubação	**150-180 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	An adult *Varanus exanthematicus* needs a large, ground-based enclosure of at least 200 × 100 × 80 cm (length × width × height), and more is better. A pair needs about 210 × 150 × 120 cm with 40 cm of substrate.
TEMPERATURA	*Varanus exanthematicus* comes from warm, open areas and needs a clear temperature gradient. By day the air temperature in the enclosure should be 29-34 °C, with a cooler end of 26-28 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	*Varanus exanthematicus* comes from dry savannas, but burrows and deep substrate probably hold a higher humidity than the surface. The enclosure should therefore be dry on the surface and moist deep down.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	As a diurnal sun-basker, *Varanus exanthematicus* needs strong light and UVB radiation. UVB is necessary for calcium metabolism.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *Varanus exanthematicus* feeds on invertebrates, and in captivity the diet should resemble this.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Varanus exanthematicus* is not tame by nature. Newly caught animals puff themselves up, hiss, lash with the tail and bite. The animals are strong and have powerful jaws. Deep bites may need stitches and antibiotics.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Mauritânia, Senegal, Gâmbia, Guiné-Bissau, Guiné, Serra Leoa, Libéria, Mali, Costa do Marfim, Burquina Faso, Gana, Togo, Benin, Níger, Nigéria, Chade, Camarões, República Centro-Africana, Sudão, Sudão do Sul, Etiópia, Eritreia, Quênia, Uganda e Congo - Kinshasa.