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VARANOS

Sand Monitor

Varanus gouldii

Varanus gouldii is a large, diurnal ground-dwelling monitor from most of Australia and southern Papua New Guinea. It digs, runs fast and eats almost anything it can overpower. The species is hardy in captivity, but it grows to nearly 160 cm, so it needs a home-built enclosure or a whole room, powerful heat and a keeper with experience of large monitors.

Família: Varanidae Nome anterior: *Varanus gouldii flavirufus; Varanus flavirufus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**100-160 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**2.000-6.000 g**
Longevidade	**10-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto, semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**300 × 150 × 150 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**25-35 °C**
Ponto quente	**50-58 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**20-24 °C**
Umidade	**30-60%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**5-17 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-2**
Incubação	**180-190 dias** a 28-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	An adult needs far more than an ordinary commercial enclosure: a home-built enclosure or a room of at least 300 × 150 × 150 cm (length × width × height) for one animal.
TEMPERATURA	*Varanus gouldii* loves sun and needs a large temperature gradient. By day the cool part of the enclosure must be 25-28 °C, and the air just under the lamps at the hot end must reach about 47 °C in adults.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species comes from dry, hot regions. Keep humidity at 30-60 % and ensure good ventilation. The most important thing is that the substrate is slightly damp in depth, so that the burrows hold, while the surface is dry.
ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA	Place a large, heavy and low water container at the cool end, so that the animal cannot tip it over, and change the water daily. The animal drinks from it, and large animals may lie in it to cool down.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Varanus gouldii* is diurnal and lives in full sun.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	*Varanus gouldii* eats anything it can overpower, and the diet must be varied and consist of whole prey.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	Safety: *Varanus gouldii* is large, fast and alert. If it feels threatened, it can rise up, puff itself up, hiss and lash its tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália e Papua-Nova Guiné.