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VARANOS

Desert Monitor

Varanus griseus

Varanus griseus is a slender, greyish-brown desert monitor found from North Africa through the Middle East to Pakistan and north-western India. It grows to about 1 m long and has narrow, dark bands on the back and tail. It digs, basks a great deal and feeds on small mammals, eggs, reptiles and insects. Little is known about its care, and the species rarely does well in captivity.

Família: Varanidae

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**90-180 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**8-17 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Deserto e semideserto**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**300 × 120 × 120 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	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Repouso de inverno	**12-18 °C** 13-22 semanas
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**7-20 ovos**
Incubação	**120 dias** a 29-31 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

CITES	**Apêndice I**
Anexo da UE	**Anexo A**
IUCN	**Menos preocupante (LC)**

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Varanus griseus*, and the species rarely does well in captivity.
TEMPERATURA	*Varanus griseus* comes from deserts with very hot summers and cold winters and needs a large temperature gradient. In the wild its body temperature rarely exceeds 38.5 °C, even when basking.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The air in the enclosure must be dry: 30-60 % (borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*).
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Varanus griseus* is active by day and basks a great deal, so it needs strong light and UVB corresponding to Ferguson zone 3.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *Varanus griseus* eats mainly mice, eggs and fish, but also other small mammals (gerbils, young hares), reptiles, birds, toads, insects, snails, centipedes, scorpions and carrion. The young feed mostly on arthropods.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Varanus griseus* is shy and fast and remains wild. It never becomes tame or accustomed to handling, and an animal that is frightened and cold stands its ground and becomes very aggressive.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Marrocos, Saara Ocidental, Mauritânia, Argélia, Tunísia, Líbia, Egito, Níger, Chade, Nigéria, Mali, Sudão, Israel, Territórios palestinos, Síria, Jordânia, Líbano, Iraque, Arábia Saudita, Emirados Árabes Unidos, Catar, Omã, Kuwait, Turquia, Irã, Paquistão e Índia.