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VARANOS

## Northern Pilbara Rock Monitor

# *Varanus pilbarensis*

A small, reddish-brown rock monitor from the Pilbara in north-western Australia, with large, pale grey eye spots on the back and a long, distinctly banded tail. *Varanus pilbarensis* grows to 45-50 cm long and is shy and diurnal. It needs a very warm basking spot, rock structure to climb and hide in, and a cool period in winter.

Família: Varanidae

### DADOS PRINCIPAIS

#### O ANIMAL

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| Tamanho adulto | **45-50 cm**<br>comprimento total com a cauda |
| Longevidade | **12-20 anos** |
| Ativo | **De dia** |
| Estilo de vida | **Rupícola** |
| Habitat | **Semideserto e terreno rochoso** |
| Dificuldade | **Intermediário** |

#### CUIDADOS

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| Terrário mín. | **120 × 60 × 60 cm**<br>C × L × A para 2 adultos |
| Temperatura, dia | **26-32 °C** |
| Ponto quente | **45-50 °C** |
| Temperatura, noite | **18-20 °C** |
| Umidade | **50-70%** |
| Água | **Recipiente de água** |
| UVB | **Recomendado**<br>Zona de Ferguson 3 |
| Repouso de inverno | **18 °C**<br>8-9 semanas |
| Alimentação | **Insetos e vertebrados** |
| Mantido | **Sozinho, em casal ou em grupo** |

#### REPRODUÇÃO

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| Reprodução | **Ovíparo** |
| Tamanho da postura | **2-9 ovos** |
| Incubação | **100-120 dias**<br>a 29 °C |

#### PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

## Resumo dos cuidados

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| **O TERRÁRIO** | An adult pair needs an enclosure of at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height), and larger is better. The species is active and roams around on the rock faces, so floor area is more important than height. |
| **TEMPERATURA** | The species needs a large temperature gradient. On the basking spot under the lamp, stone or branches must have a surface temperature of 45-50 °C, measured with an IR thermometer. |
| **UMIDADE E ÁGUA** | The humidity should be 50-70 %. It is a species from dry rocky terrain, so the enclosure should not be wet, but a damp hide must always be available, so that the animal can shed without problems. |
| **ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB** | The species is diurnal and spends a lot of time basking, so light and UVB are a cornerstone of care. Use fluorescent tubes or LEDs for ordinary daylight and a powerful spotlight over the basking spot for heat. |
| **ALIMENTAÇÃO** | In the wild, *Varanus pilbarensis* eats insects, other invertebrates and small reptiles. |
| **COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO** | *Varanus pilbarensis* is shy and fast and not an animal to be handled a great deal. It can bite if grabbed, but the jaws and claws are small, and the injuries are seldom serious. The claws can, however, scratch the skin. |
| **ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL** | Austrália. |