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VARANOS

Northern Blunt-spined Monitor

Varanus primordius

A small, diurnal ground monitor from the tropical northern part of the Northern Territory in Australia. *Varanus primordius* digs and basks in intense heat and lives on insects, small reptiles and their eggs. The species is rare in captivity, and there are few reliable care figures, so it is only for the experienced keeper.

Família: Varanidae Nome anterior: *Varanus acanthurus primordius; Worrellisaurus primordius*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**30-46 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Rupícola, terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Savana e terreno rochoso**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**24-38 °C**
Ponto quente	**55-65 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**22-26 °C**
Umidade	**20-50%**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Maturidade sexual	**8-14 meses**
Tamanho da postura	**2-5 ovos**
Posturas por ano	**1-5**
Incubação	**80-120 dias** a 28,5-30,5 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	*Varanus primordius* is a small but very active ground-dwelling monitor. An adult needs at least 120 × 60 × 60 cm (length × width × height), preferably larger, and a home-built terrarium with front doors is often best.
TEMPERATURA	*V. primordius* is a sun-seeking animal and needs a lot of heat. Measure the surface temperature of the basking spot with an IR thermometer, not the air. The basking spot must have a surface temperature of 55-65 °C.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The air must be dry, 20-50 % relative humidity. More important than the air is the humidity of the substrate.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	Diurnal, sun-seeking monitors need strong UVB light. Use a powerful UVB tube or a metal halide lamp in a reflector fitting, mounted at a safe distance from the basking spot, and count on Ferguson zone 3.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild *Varanus primordius* lives on insects, small reptiles and reptile eggs.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*V. primordius* is small, so bites and claws are seldom serious, but small monitors can still cause scratches that bleed. Always keep a high level of hygiene and wash hands after touching, because monitors can carry salmonella.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.

O guia completo com mapa e atualizações: herpy.org/en/monitor-lizards/varanus-primordius