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VARANOS

Spencer's Monitor

Varanus spenceri

Varanus spenceri is a heavily built, ground-dwelling monitor of up to 120 cm that lives on the treeless black-soil plains of north-eastern Australia and shelters in cracks and burrows in the ground. It eats almost anything it can overpower and plays dead when threatened. The species is extremely rare outside Australia, and little is known about its care.

Família: Varanidae Nome anterior: *Varanus ingrami*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**100-120 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-20 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Terrestre e escavador**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
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	**Recomendado** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**11-30 ovos**
Incubação	**180-190 dias** a 27-29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	Little is known about the care of *Varanus spenceri*, because the species is hardly kept outside zoological gardens.
TEMPERATURA	Monitors are diurnal, and *Varanus spenceri* needs a large temperature gradient: a warm basking spot and cooler zones where the animal can withdraw.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species comes from dry plains, so humidity in the enclosure should be low: 30-60 %, with good ventilation. The figures are borrowed from *Varanus gouldii*.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	*Varanus spenceri* is diurnal and lives in open landscape without shade, where it basks a great deal.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild the species eats almost anything it can overpower: snakes, small mammals, small lizards, eggs and carrion. In captivity the diet should be varied and consist of whole prey.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	Safety: *Varanus spenceri* is strong and has sharp claws and a powerful tail, and a bite from an animal of up to a metre can cause deep wounds. A threatened animal hisses, puffs out its throat and lashes with its tail.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.