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VARANOS

Solomon Island spiny monitor

Varanus spinulosus

Varanus spinulosus is a rare and almost unknown monitor from the Solomon Islands and Bougainville, recognisable by its sandpaper-like, spiny scale texture and rows of large yellow spots on a dark ground. Its care is based on related species, because there is almost no experience with it in captivity.

Família: Varanidae Nome anterior: *Varanus indicus spinulosus*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**90-100 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Longevidade	**10-15 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Floresta tropical e área úmida**
Dificuldade	**Especialista**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**300 × 120 × 200 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**27-30 °C**
Ponto quente	**40-48 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**24-25 °C**
Umidade	**60-90%**
Água	**Área aquática** profundidade 10-40 cm
Temperatura da água	**26-29 °C**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**4-7 ovos**
Incubação	**150-195 dias** a 28-30 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO
The dimensions are borrowed from related monitors about 100-140 cm long. An adult *Varanus spinulosus* needs a home-built enclosure or a whole room of at least 300 × 120 × 200 cm (length × width × height).

TEMPERATURA
The temperatures for *Varanus spinulosus* are borrowed from *V. juxtindicus* and other species in the *V. indicus* group. The air temperature is kept at 27-30 °C by day and 24-25 °C at night, and the water at 26-29 °C.

UMIDADE E ÁGUA
The humidity must be 60-80 % by day and higher at night, up to 90 %. This is achieved with a large water area, moist substrate and daily spraying. Still air causes mould and bacterial growth, so ventilation must be good.

ÁGUA E QUALIDADE DA ÁGUA
Its relatives in the *V. indicus* group swim and dive frequently and sleep in the water, so a permanent water section is recommended, even though the species is not known to be semi-aquatic.

ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB
The species is diurnal and basks in full sun in the middle of the day, so as an adult it needs strong light and UVB.

ALIMENTAÇÃO
In the wild the species eats arthropods, megapode eggs, fish and small birds. It comes out of the forest to take the entrails of cleaned fish, raids henhouses and forages in the tidal zone.

COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO
The species is shy in the wild and flees up into palm crowns. A captured animal may hiss and still calm down quickly without trying to bite, but nothing more is known about its temperament.

ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL
Ilhas Salomão e Papua-Nova Guiné.