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VARANOS

Black-tailed Monitor

Varanus tristis

Varanus tristis is a small, fast, tree-climbing monitor from Australia's dry interior with a black head and tail and a fine reddish-brown net pattern on the back. It grows to 75 cm, is diurnal and needs a tall, warm and sunny enclosure. It is rare in captivity, and only a few reliable experiences with care and breeding exist.

Família: Varanidae Nome anterior: *Varanus punctatus; Varanus timorensis tristis; Odatria punctata*

DADOS PRINCIPAIS

O ANIMAL

Tamanho adulto	**50-75 cm** comprimento total com a cauda
Peso	**150-330 g**
Longevidade	**8-12 anos**
Ativo	**De dia**
Estilo de vida	**Arborícola e terrestre**
Habitat	**Semideserto e savana**
Dificuldade	**Experiente**

CUIDADOS

Terrário mín.	**150 × 60 × 120 cm** C × L × A para 1 adulto
Temperatura, dia	**26-32 °C**
Ponto quente	**42-50 °C**
Temperatura, noite	**18-22 °C**
Umidade	**30-50%**
Água	**Recipiente de água**
UVB	**Essencial** Zona de Ferguson 3
Alimentação	**Insetos e vertebrados**
Mantido	**Sozinho ou em casal**

REPRODUÇÃO

Reprodução	**Ovíparo**
Tamanho da postura	**8-12 ovos**
Incubação	**114-117 dias** a 29 °C

PROTEÇÃO E DOCUMENTAÇÃO

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

Resumo dos cuidados

O TERRÁRIO	One adult needs an enclosure of at least 150 × 60 × 120 cm (length × width × height).
TEMPERATURA	The temperatures for *Varanus tristis* are borrowed from related, dry-living Australian pygmy monitors and are a cautious starting point. Always measure the surface temperature at the basking spot with an IR thermometer.
UMIDADE E ÁGUA	The species comes from dry regions and should not have high humidity. Humidity should be 30-50 %.
ILUMINAÇÃO E UVB	UVB is important for diurnal monitors that bask a lot.
ALIMENTAÇÃO	In the wild the species is a predator of lizards, nestling birds and eggs and probably also takes insects. In captivity insects are the natural staple: crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches and giant mealworm larvae.
COMPORTAMENTO E MANUSEIO	*Varanus tristis* is a fast, nervous species, and wild-caught animals are often defensive and stressed. The animals bite if they are grabbed, and the claws are long and sharp and can cause deep tears.
ÁREA DE OCORRÊNCIA NATURAL	Austrália.