

Savannah Monitor

Varanus exanthematicus

Cites status

Cites Appendix II, obligation to keep records and to register!

Habitat

Central Africa from West Coast to Eritrea. North Sudan, Mali, Tschad.

dry savannah, grass steppe, diurnal

Size

between 80-130 cm

Life Expectancy

over 15 years

Reproduction

capable of laying clutches with up to 150 eggs. At 27-31°C the young animals hatch after 116-180 days.

Temperature

Ground temperature between 25-30°C, the preferred temperature is at 30°C and more. In order to achieve this it is recommended to install incandescent lighting in such a way that local heat spots have up to 45°C. Night setback to 20-24°C.

Humidity

50-60%

Lighting

Daylight fluorescent tubes, if necessary UV tubes (see Fluorescent Lighting). For sufficient UV radiation we recommend UV Lamps or the Arcadia D3 Compact. Incandescent Lighting for the creation of local heat spots.

Substrate

loamy earth with rock structures or Sand or grit.

Cage Furniture

amongst others various hiding places, stones and roots. Also climbing facilities and a small and flat water bowl. Cage substrate should always be slightly wet in one spot. Only to be tended in large terrariums!

food

Insects (e.g. large crickets, grasshoppers, cockroaches, super mealworms, wax moths, etc.) also products from the Zoo Med Can o' Series. Regular additions of minerals and vitamins are necessary.

