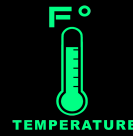


Asian Water Monitor

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- Tank Temperatures: These beautiful monitors require a basking spot(hot side) of about 120 degrees, and an ambient temperature(cool side) around the mid to upper 80's.
- Heat Lighting: A 150 watt heat light in a 40 gallon tank should provide the needed temperatures.
- UVB Lighting: A 5.0 UVB light should also be provided for this lizard.



Water Monitors need a 60%-70% humidity level. This can best be maintained through daily misting, and by providing a large water area for the monitor to soak and swim in.



Food: These guys are known to have a large appetite. Monitors under a year old should be fed every day to every other day. They feed on crickets, roaches rodents, and fish. As they approach two and three years old they should feed 3 to 4 times a week. Once they are full grown, they should eat 2 - 3 times a week. It is important that all their food is dusted with calcium with vitamin D3.



- Enclosure Size: A hatchling will need a 40 gallon tank to start. However, as they grow they will require a substantially larger enclosure.
- Substrate (bedding): These monitors should be kept on orchid bark, coco husk, and sand. A substrate layer should be several inches deep for digging and burrowing.
- Accessories: A large water area for swimming and soaking, logs, branches, climbing shelves, and a hide spot are all necessary accessories for these monitors.



This monitor is not ideal for beginners. They have a large appetite, need a lot of space, and can grow to sizes up to 10 feet in length. These factors can make it a challenge to maintain the proper conditions for them to prosper. However, when purchased and worked with from a young age these monitors can become quite docile, and have an inquisitive personality.



The clutches range between 6 and 18 eggs. Ideal incubation temperature is around 86 degrees. Babies can take six to seven months to hatch.



Other than snakes, These monitors are the only other reptile to feature a forked tongue.



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