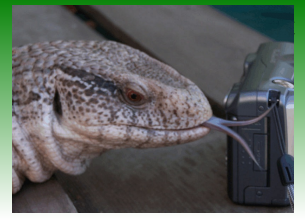


Savanna Monitor

Varanus exanthematicus



What is the history of my relationship to man?

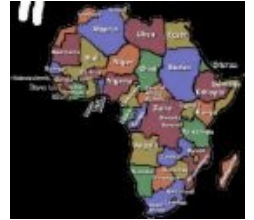
In the past these lizards were shipped from Africa in massive numbers but they did not all arrive alive. Now they are being ranched (bred in captivity) and are very robust and healthy so when they are imported to Europe and the U.S. they arrive healthy and alive.

Habitat / Climate

Hot and dry environment

Where am I from? .

I come from the savannas and grass lands of Central Africa.. The countries of Ghana, Togo ,Tanzania. and Kenya.



Who are my relatives?

I am very similar to the black throated monitor and the white throated monitor. We have blunter snouts than other monitors. My nostrils are much closer to the end of my snout than the black monitor or whites monitor are.



Other family members:

Nile monitor
Sand Monitor
Lace monitor

Breeding Potential

Clutch size? 25 eggs

It is possible to have 2 clutches with up to 50 eggs

How am I born?

I am hatched from an egg . My mother lays About 25 eggs at a time. When I am first hatched I am between 2 1/2 and 4 inches long.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live?

In my first year I can double my weight. The oldest recorded Savanna Monitor is 11 years old. Other monitors have lived as long as 15 years.

Breeding Season

F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
E	A	P	A	U	U	A	E	C	O	E
N	B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	V	C

What kind of family life do I have?

We usually get along as pairs or small groups. Males can be aggressive when feeding.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

When I am a hatchlings I eat crickets or worms. I get pinkies when I am about 2 months old. As I grow bigger I work my way up to bigger prey. When I am young I should eat every 2 to 3 days.

Names for:

Adult male - Male
Adult female -Female
Young - Hatchling
Juvenile/subadults

Who are my predators

Like all wildlife, larger animals Such as the Black backed Jackal if given the opportunity will use me as prey. My most dangerous foe is actually man



Comments: The heat lamp temp. in our monitors tank should be kept at around 140 degrees
With a water bowl big enough for soaking in.

