



Kenyan Sand Boa



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Eryx colubrinus*
- Origin: North-East Africa
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: Up to 2.5 feet
- Life Span: Up to 20 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 30-40%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a deep substrate to encourage their natural burrowing behaviour
- ✓ After feeding, let your snake digest its meal for 2 days before any necessary handling
- ✓ Offer a smaller or larger food item if your snake refuses to feed
- ✓ If your snake is refusing its food when it's about to shed, wait until the snake has fully shed before offering food
- ✓ A bad shed is normally a sign of something wrong in the snake's environment

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

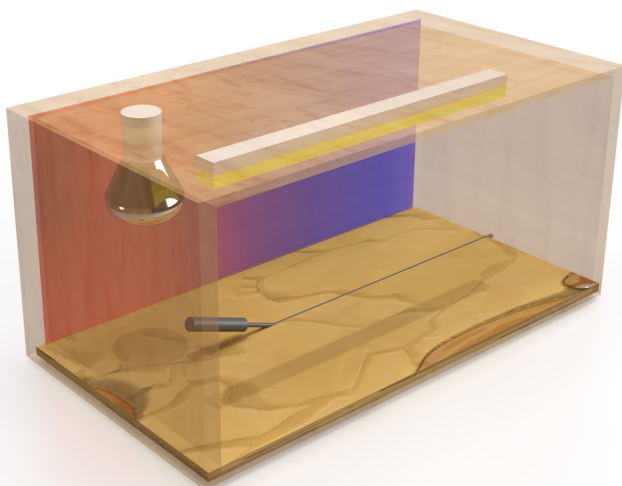


- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding (HSLGB10), HabiStat Coir (HSCB)
- Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM)

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Heating

Kenyan Sand Boas are ectothermic (cold-blooded) animals and take all their heat requirements from external sources.

- Background Temp: 24-27°C (75-80°F)
- HOT Spot: 32-35°C (90-95°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 20-24°C (70-75°F)

Use a HabiStat 100w Basking Spotlamp (HBB100) in an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp holder & Bracket (RADCHP) running through a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDWHR) to provide overhead heat.

Dimming Thermostats are designed to regulate

HOUSING



The HabiStat Standard Vivarium 36x24x24" (DVF3624) is ideal for this species.

If you already have the appropriately sized Vivarium, the HabiStat Snake Accessory Kit (HSSAK) will provide everything else you need in a one handy kit for this species.

temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly, using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Use the Arcadia Pro T5 6% (RARTP24F), as this would provide natural UVB levels for the species.

Make sure the UV light is fitted correctly and that the Sand Boa is not able to get too close.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Habistat Leopard Gecko bedding (HSLGB10), HabiStat Coir (HSCB)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Log Hideout (HSNLHL) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

DIET & WATER

Kenyan Sand Boas are a thawed Rodent and Poultry eating species.

Make sure to feed them when they are most active, usually in the evening.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Kenyan Sand Boas do not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The Kenyan Sand Boa will shed its skin every so often, depending on how big the snake is and how quickly its growing. As a rule, a young snake will shed every 3 to 6 weeks, and an older snake every 2 to 6 months.
- The best way to tell that your Snake is about to shed their skin, is to look at their general colour and eyes.
- The Snake will appear duller than normal and may have a washed-out look. This will become more obvious as the Snake nears shedding its skin.
- The Snake's eyes will also appear clouded at first and will eventually turn a bluey/grey colour. Normal colouration will return once the Snake has shed its skin.

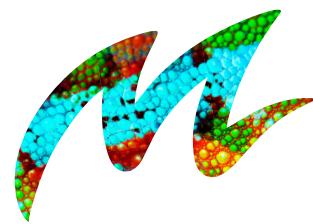
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Kenyan Sand Boa healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build up and to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Kenyan Sand Boa, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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