

TerraFauna



The World of Reptiles



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exhibition design

Reptiles have held sway over our planet for as long as living memory reaches back and over the course of evolutionary history they have constantly adapted to their habitat. The great diversity of reptiles on the planet makes this class of animals one of the most interesting groups on earth! They can be divided into different orders including lizards, turtles and snakes.

The reason why snakes in particular cause such great fascination, but at the same time trigger so much fear in humans, has to do with the evolutionary development of the different species. As far as we know, snakes appeared for the first time about 100 to 150 million years ago in the early Cretaceous period. Nowadays there are almost 3000 different species, which have evolved over millions of years and which possibly evolved from one single order of lizards. The different species can be subdivided into constrictors, venomous and non-venomous snakes and survive in a remarkable diversity of habitats and climatic conditions. There are snakes on all the five continents of our planet.

Snakes play a large and important role in many religions, and it is precisely this reason they have been deified on the one hand, and mercilessly hunted or even killed by humans on the other. Only in recent decades has it been possible to study and investigate these animals more extensively by means of expeditionary observations. The massive impact of human action on natural environments has harmed these animals to such an extent, that many species would be extinct if they were not being sustained in captivity.



At our exhibition, visitors can see reptiles from all over the world. The modules have been constructed in accordance with the corresponding European regulations and have been conceptualised to create an appropriate living environment for the animals on show. The modules are arranged by continent; the result being a clearly laid out presentation of the different species in a multitude of shades and shapes. Every animal has its own description and is separately depicted so that even the seemingly invisible animals in the terrarium can be discovered. The design and division of the exhibition modules were developed in cooperation with experts of the respective fields and so the viewers are treated to an unforgettable event, not only in terms of substance, but also in terms of the fascinating visual experience.

Next to the terrariums in which the reptiles are presented, exhibits such as snakeskins, poison fangs and reptile eggs as well as additional pictures and explanations are displayed in glass cabinets. The spider tower offers visitors an interesting insight into the world of the invertebrate. In addition to arachnids, other selected insects from around the planet can be found in this module.

In this exhibition "TerraFauna - ...terrifyingly beautiful" there is at least one highlight for viewers at every module. For example, our indigenous snakes can be seen at the European module. At the Asian module the king cobra, the longest venomous snake on earth, is on display. At the American module there is the anaconda, which is the heaviest of all snakes, and in the spider tower we have a tarantula representing the spider with the greatest diameter among the arachnids.



Module 1



Action stage

L/W/H 4.00/4.00/2.85 m

Module 2 to 7



Snakes from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe

L/W/H 6.52/3.45/2.81 m

Module 8



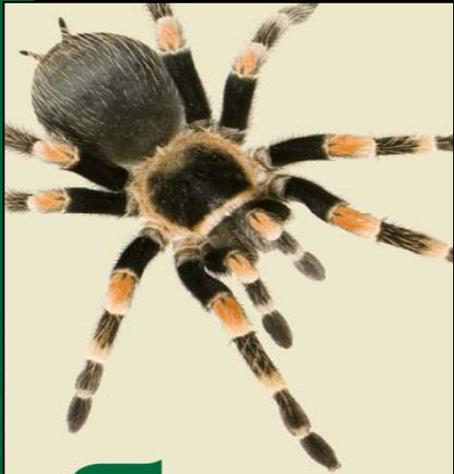
Spider tower

L/W/H 3.05/3.05/2.81 m









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