
ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

Call for Articles and Photographic Submissions

Biawak is seeking written and photographic contributions which detail various aspects of varanid biology including, but not limited to ecology, natural history, behavior, captive management and reproduction, and veterinary medicine. Written submissions may be full length research articles, review articles, husbandry and breeding reports, brief reports, veterinary case reports, geographical distribution notes, historical perspectives, biographies, and bibliographies. Additional topics will also be considered.

Language assistance and assistance with manuscript preparation are available to those who inquire. For additional information on article and photographic submissions, please contact submissions@varanidae.org.

Translational Assistance Needed

In an effort to further increase the availability of information on varanid lizards to researchers and enthusiasts worldwide, *Biawak* is currently seeking capable bilingual individuals for assistance with translating previously published German, Dutch, Russian, and Indonesian language works into English. For additional information about becoming a translator for *Biawak*, please contact submissions@varanidae.org.

Varanus Chat Radio Program

The International Varanid Interest Group has recently founded an online radio program as a supplement to the various informational resources it currently offers to varanid researchers and enthusiasts. The program will feature news briefs, digests of current research, and guest appearances from varanid researchers, zoo professionals, and private breeders. Although the program will be broadcast live, podcasts of each episode that can be listened to at any time will also be available for free download.

Although an official date for the inaugural episode has not yet been determined, additional details about the program and updates will be posted on the IVIG's website, <http://varanidae.org>.

Bibliotheca Varanoidea

Since 2007, *Bibliotheca Varanoidea*, an online message board dedicated to the non-commercial peer to peer exchange of published varanid literature, has enabled many researchers and enthusiasts to locate and acquire obscure and difficult to obtain works on the genus *Varanus*. The success and utility of this resource depends largely upon the altruism of its participants as well as the number of active participants originating from different parts of the globe that may have access to different published works. Access is available through the IVIG website, <http://varanidae.org>.



Varanus mitchelli and Australian keel-back *Tropidonophis mairii*. Litchfield NP, Northern Territory. Photographed by **Peter Brady**.