

Giant African Land Snail



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Achatina fulica*
- Origin: East Africa
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: Up to 15cm
- Life Span: Up to 10 years
- Behaviour: Nocturnal
- Diet: Detritivore / Herbivore
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 70-90%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a source of calcium such as eggshell or cuttlefish bone
- ✓ Do not give your Giant African Land Snail any citrus fruits, the acidity can cause health issues.
- ✓ Provide a shallow but sturdy water bowl
- ✓ Add a deep layer of substrate to their enclosure

HOUSING

Individual – HabiStat Glass Terrarium
60x45x45cm (HGT6045)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

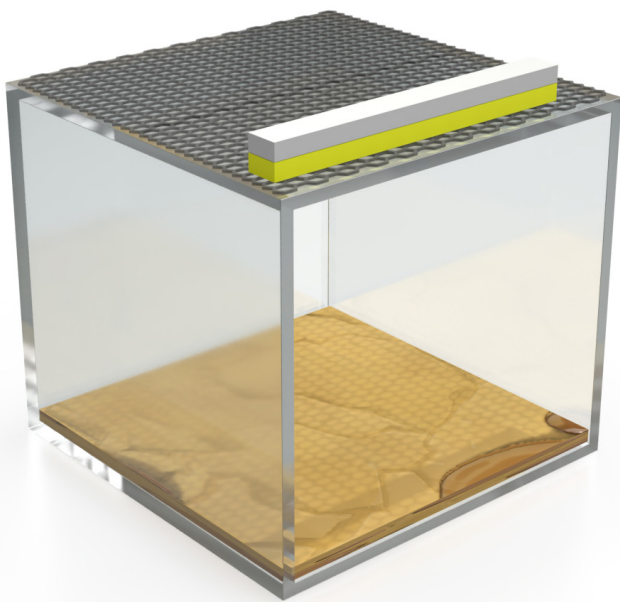


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Not needed
- Lighting: LED
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Sphagnum Moss, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: A light spray every few days

ENVIRONMENT



Terrestrial Terrarium Setup



Heating

Giant African Land Snails do not require an additional heat source, room temperature is sufficient.

- Background Temp: 20-25°C (68-77°F)
- HOT Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C -25°C (64°F-77°F)

Lighting

The Giant African Land Snail is a nocturnal species and requires a suitable light gradient in their terrarium to simulate a day/night light cycle.

The Arcadia JungleDawn LED Bar (RAJDP1) provides a day/night cycle of illumination and aids with plant growth.

Ensure that lighting is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommended distances.

Substrate and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSS10), HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSM1), Arcadia EarthMix (RARE10)
- Cork bark
- Leaf litter

DIET & WATER

The Giant African Land Snail has a varied diet. They feed on plants, leaves, non-citrus fruit, vegetables/salad, and decaying matter.

Make sure to provide a shallow yet sturdy water dish for the Snail to hydrate if needed. The HabiStat Tortoise Pool is an ideal easy access option (HRRDTPM).

To help keep the species hydrated and maintain humidity, mist the terrarium surface as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Giant African Land Snail's need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Please follow the packaging instructions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Giant African Land Snails' lay an average of 200 eggs every 12 weeks.
- If your Giant African Land Snail produces eggs that you can't or do not want to keep, make sure to dispose of them safely. The best way to do this is placing the eggs in a secure tub and freezing them as soon as possible. Once frozen for 48 hours they can then be put into your general waste or compost bin.
- Avoid adding artificial plants to your enclosure, your snail will try and eat them

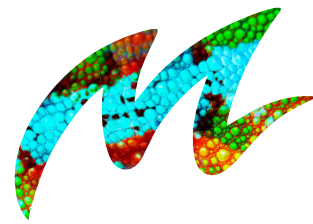
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Snail healthy and happy:

| | Water / Food | Substrate | Enclosure |
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| Daily | Change old water for fresh water. Remove any uneaten food. | 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 | | | 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 your animal, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.



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