

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

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 or two – HabiStat Glass Terrarium 60x45x45cm (HGT6045)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

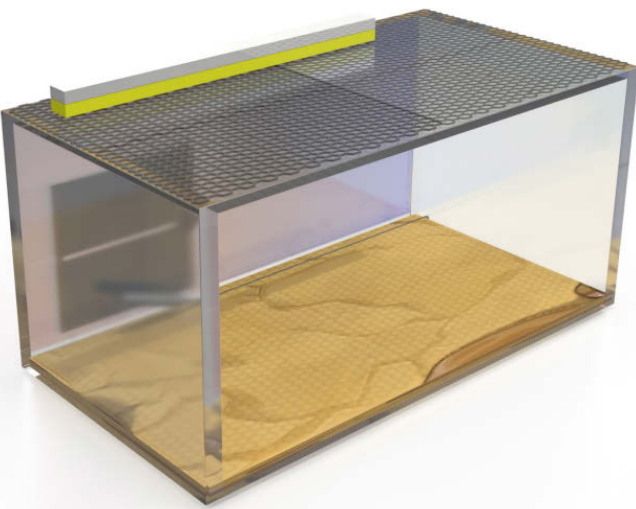


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Mat (Only if needed)
- Thermostat: Mat Stat
- Lighting: LED
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Sphagnum Moss, Arcadia EarthMix
- Water: A light spray every few days

ENVIRONMENT



Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Background Temp: 20-25°C (68-77°F)
- Hot Spot: Not Needed
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C -25°C (64°F-77°F)
- Humidity: 70%-90%
- UVI: N/A

Heating

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

Should the ambient background temperature drops below the recommended range, add a HabiStat Heat Mat (HHM11) on the outside rear of the terrarium.

Use the Heat Mat in conjunction with a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMB1).

Mat Stat Thermostats are designed to regulate 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

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 Jungle Dawn LED Bar (RAJDP1), or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Jungle Dawn LED Bar (RARLJ1) 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 (HDCB5)
- 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

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as HabiStat Pure Calcium (HMC40), HabiStat Reptavite (HMRV40), HabiStat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

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

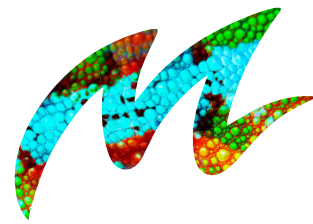
HEALTH & HYGIENE



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

	Water / Food	Substrate	Enclosure
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 using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface, and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hands.



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DATA MONITORING



Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

	Hotspot Temp Not Needed	Background Temp 20-25°C (68-77°F)	Humidity 70%-90%	UVI N/A	Night Time Temp 18°C -25°C (64°F-77°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						