



Painted Wood Turtle



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima manni*
- Origin: Central America
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 5-8 inches
- Life Span: 20-30 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Omnivore
- Handling: Advanced (only if necessary)
- Humidity: 80-100%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Make sure to add an easy to access pooled area to the enclosure
- ✓ A suitable aquatic filtration system should be used with the water being changed every few days. If no filtration system is used, then change the water daily.
- ✓ Provide a moist substrate layer
- ✓ Mist the enclosure as required to maintain a humid environment, take care not to over mist and overwater the substrate

HOUSING

HabiStat Glass Terrarium 36 x 18 x 24" (HGT9160)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

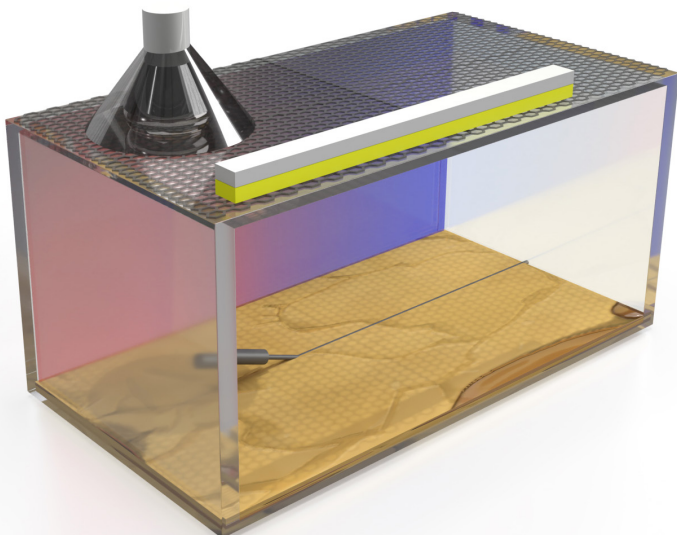


- Housing: Terrarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Orchid Bark Substrate,
- Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish

ENVIRONMENT



Terrarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

Background Temp: 21°C - 26°C (70-79°F)

Hot Spot: 32°C - 34°C (90°F - 93°F)

Night-Time Temp: 20°C - 21°C (68-70°F)

Heating

The Painted Wood Turtle (*Rhinoclemmys pulcherrima manni*) is a diurnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Reflector Clamp Lamp with Ceramic Holder (RARM160) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW) to provide overhead heat. This can be placed on the mesh roof of the Terrarium.

Dimming 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

Lay the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit 6% (RARTP39F), or the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit 6% (RARLZ39F) on the mesh roof of the terrarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances providing a UVI of 2-3.

Substrates and Decoration

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

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), Habistat Orchid Bark (HSO10M), HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSM1)
- HabiStat Cork Bark (HDCB5)
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter
- Leaf litter on-top of your chosen substrate is also beneficial

DIET & WATER

Ensure the Painted Wood Turtle is offered a variety of insects and greens.

Make sure to feed when they are most active, usually during the day.

Always provide a source of fresh water. An easy to access pool of shallow water, filled a little deeper than the Turtle's shell at resting is sufficient.

Ideally a suitable aquatic filtration system should be used with the water being changed every few days. If no filtration system is used, then change the water daily.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist 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

- Using the HabiStat Humidifier (HDH01) will help maintain their high humidity requirements without oversaking the substrate.
- The water in the pooled area will need to be changed daily if no filter is used. Every few days if a filter is being used.

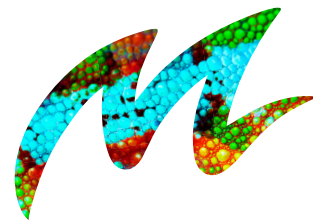
HEALTH & HYGIENE



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

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	If no filter is in use, change water daily	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	If a filter is in use, Change old water for fresh water	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	Check and clean any filter	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 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 32 C - 34 C (90 F - 93 F)	Background Temp 21 C - 26 C (70-79 F)	Humidity 80%-100%	UVI 2-3	Night Time Temp 20 C - 21 C (68-70 F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						