



CARE SHEET

Rhinoceros Beetle

Chalcosoma atlas

Malaysia



- Ensure each beetle has a banana chunk under its mouth at all times. Check 2-3 times a day. Beetles quickly starve.
- Ensure each beetle has a 3D latticework of heavy branches for it to grip on if it falls upside down. Check 2-3 times a day.
- If the beetle is stuck on its back, help it immediately as they can die after just six hours.
- Never pick a beetle up from its log/mesh/fingers as you will pull its claws off.
- Beware of horns poking out of the vivarium doors, as these can get guillotined.
- Keep soil medium moist. Spray head with water or on banana if hot and dry.
- Males can kill females if left in same viv. for more than one night. Males kill other males.

- Avoid opening the glass door if their legs are on it or near the top or bottom (guillotining).
- Check heat thermostat hasn't been moved from 23C and regularly check that lights work. Check temperature minimum on thermometer daily. Keep above 18C.
- Avoid handling beetles – lure them off with fruit if they give you a beetle-hug!
- Experience: In the early days, we lost beetles due to their falling on their backs and their not being able to right themselves. Their heart cannot function properly in this position. We also lost them due to their not having a CONSTANT supply of fruit. Fruit smoothies are excellent except they spill quickly. Multiple and regular checks throughout the day are key.