



CARE SHEET

Rhino Roach

Macropanesthia rhinoceros

Australia



- Ensure that there are dead *Eucalyptus gunnii* leaves in viv at all times. These should be brown and crispy and have no green on them. They can be supplemented with dried oak leaves.
- Additionally feed cucumber, apples or other insipid fruits. (banana is probably too rich.)
- Keep above 18C at all times.
- Occasionally dust calcium powder over the food.
- Create a gradient of heat by having one side of the viv heated under the soil. Also a sloped soil gradient should be maintained in the viv so they can access the bottom heat.
- This cockroach should not be kept too wet as it lives in dry *Eucalyptus* forests and not rain forests.

- Take care that the sun never gets to shine on the vivarium as it will quickly heat up.
- They change skin 12 times to reach maturity at 3" long and 35g. When changing skin, they are a pale yellow for the first day
- They live seven to ten years.
- Males have a deeper notch in the pronotum.
- Experience: These must have dry *Eucalyptus gunnii*/*perinniana* leaves otherwise they slowly waste away. We lost on another species of *Eucalyptus*. They are prone to losing their 'claws' so best to let them walk onto your hands voluntarily rather than picking up from the carapace. This might be on ventilation netting at night. The public should not hold them as they can burrow quite vigorously between the fingers.