



CARE SHEET

Giant Forest Scorpion

Heterometrus spinifer

South East Asia



- Keep warm above 20C at all times using bottom heat
- Keep soil moist at all times as it comes from rain forest
- Feed small crickets one at a time one every 2-3 days.
- Take crickets out of vivarium if uneaten as they can damage it when it is changing skin.
- Keep water tray with small stones in.
- Scorpions need a branch or piece of bark to hide under.
- Be aware that gaps in the shading and the sun moving with the season can lead to over-heating >30C.

- Do not handle as they can be dropped and they damage their exoskeleton
- In emergencies, scorpions can be scooped up in a plastic box.
- They are far more likely to pinch than sting. The smaller the claws, the more potent their venom.
- Experience: we have lost a scorpion to being too cold and too dry in the past. Scorpions have dropped from hands as they cannot cling on- they are naturally ground dwellers and not arboreal. Scorpions can turn around with lightening fast so avoid touching. If a scorpion escapes – use a UV torch to find it under the furniture! It will glow green.