

# Asian Giant Stream Toad Care Sheet



## PROFILE

**Common Name:** Giant stream toad, java toad

**Latin Name:** *Phrynoidis aspera*

**Native To:** Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand

**Size:** 4 - 6"

**Life Span:** 15 – 20 years

## HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

### **Environment:**

As the name suggests, giant stream toads are always found around permanent water sources. Never more than 2 metres away from rivers and streams, they can be found hiding under rocks during the day and foraging for food at night.

### **Vivarium Size:**

Due to the adult size and semi aquatic habits of the giant river toad, we recommend a paludarium style enclosure 36x15x15" for a single adult specimen.

### **Substrate:**

We recommend a slightly damp substrate of forest floor, mixed soil and sphagnum moss. Not only will this provide a natural look to the vivarium, it will also help to raise the humidity. The ideal humidity for giant stream toads is 70% – 90%

Loose substrate such as forest floor will allow the toad to burrow and make itself feel secure. Hides and decoration will also aid in making your toad feel at home.

## **Food and Water:**

As with all amphibians, giant stream toads absorb water through their skin. Due to this, they need a constant supply of fresh water. For this species we recommend a very large water bowl or a paludarium style enclosure. Giant stream toads are carnivorous and will eat all variety of insect prey available. Earthworms being a particular favourite.

It is highly recommended that all feeders are dusted with vitamin supplements available on the reptile section.

## **Heat/Light Requirements:**

At night it is best to allow the temperature to drop 2-5°C to mimic the natural nightly temperature drop of the wild and to allow the amphibian to shut down and sleep.

Giant stream toads are cathemeral and need a period of darkness in which to sleep. Lighting for your toad can be minimal, from a low wattage UV coil to a broad spectrum LED.

Below are the ideal temperatures for your giant stream toad:

Day: 22-26°C

Night: 18-22°C

## **FURTHER READING:**

[www.theamphibian.co.uk](http://www.theamphibian.co.uk)

## **Any Problems?**

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