

Snail eating snake care sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **Snail eating snake**

Latin Name: ***Pareas carinatus***

Native To: **Southeast Asia and Indonesia**

Size: **2- 3 feet**

Life Span: **10-15 years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Found throughout southeast Asian and Indonesian lowland temperate forests. These snakes are semi arboreal and nocturnal, enjoying lower temperatures and high humidity.

Vivarium Size:

A good base size vivarium for an adult is 24x12x24", allowing for a good heat gradient and climbing opportunities.

Substrate:

A good quality, soil mix would be preferable for this species allowing for high water retention and digging opportunities. Crestie life, forest floor and arcadia earthmix to name a few. Leaf litter will also help maintain the higher humidity these animals require. Branches and "high hides" should also be utilised as the semi arboreal snail eater will feel as comfortable in the branches as on the ground.

Food and Water:

As with all snakes, snail eating snakes are carnivorous. The difference being these snakes will only eat slugs, snails, and other soft bodied invertebrates. Snails/slugs should be offered every other day to a total of approximately 8 per week. Other invertebrates (such as worms) can be offered as well.

Water should be always provided in a dish big enough for the snake to soak in.

Heat/Light Requirements:

As with all reptiles, snail eaters are exothermic getting all their metabolic heat from external sources. UV lighting will not be beneficial for this species, but a photoperiod should be maintained so the snake recognises day from night.

Listed below are the ideal temperatures that you will need to replicate for your snail eating snake:

Hot spot: 24 -26°C

Cool end: 20 - 24 °C

Night temperatures: 18 - 22°C

FURTHER READING:

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