

## **Asian Forest Scorpion**

Scientific Name: *Heterometrus longimanus*

Native to: India, Indonesia, & Malaysia

Maximum Length: 3.5in – 5in

Life Span: 7 years

### **Characteristics:**

Asian Forest Scorpions are a very common scorpion kept as a pet and are found in Asian Tropical forests. They are more aggressive than the emperor scorpion. We recommend they be housed alone due to their aggressive nature. Asian Forest Scorpions will become defensive and protect themselves with their pinchers when they feel threatened. The venom of an Asian forest scorpion's sting is mild.

### **Care tips:**

Enclosure: Provide your scorpion with a ten-gallon aquarium or terrarium.

Substrate: Peat moss, potting soil or Eco-earth should be used and be 3-4 inches deep.

Habitat: You should provide your scorpion's habitat with a shallow water dish as well as a hiding area. They primarily live on the surface under rocks and logs, but do occasionally burrow. Rocks, logs, cork bark, etc. make good hiding places. Moss can be added for floor cover.

Temperature and Lighting: The enclosure should maintain a temperature of 75 to 90° F with a humidity 78 to 82%. You should also provide an under-tank heat pad on one side of the tank for your scorpion.

Food and Water: These scorpions enjoy crickets or mealworms. Babies eat pinhead crickets or other small insects while adults eat cricket.