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FROGS

Fea's Treefrog

Zhangixalus feae

Zhangixalus feae is one of the largest flying frogs: a sturdy, green tree frog of up to 12 cm from humid mountain forest in northern South-East Asia, from Yunnan and Myanmar through Thailand and Laos to Vietnam. The frog glides between the branches with full webbing on hands and feet and lives hidden in the tree canopy. Very little is known about its care in captivity.

Family: Rhacophoridae Former name: *Rhacophorus feae; Polypedates feae*

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**7-12 cm** snout-vent length
Lifespan	**5-10 years**
Active	**At dusk and at night**
Lifestyle	**Arboreal**
Habitat	**Rainforest and montane forest**
Skin toxins	**None known**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**80 × 50 × 100 cm** L × W × H for 2 adults
Temperature, day	**20-24 °C**
Temperature, night	**15-20 °C**
Humidity	**60-90%**
Water	**Water dish** depth 3-5 cm
UVB	**Recommended** Ferguson zone 2
Diet	**Insects**
Kept	**Singly, in pairs or in groups**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Development	**Tadpoles in water**
Egg-laying site	**In a foam nest**
Eggs per clutch	**1,000-3,500**
Hatching	**5-7 days**
Larval period	**35-45 days** from hatching to metamorphosis
Larval diet	**Complete diet**
Parental care	**None**

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Least Concern (LC)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE	Little is known about keeping *Zhangixalus feae*.
TEMPERATURE	By day the temperature should be 20-24 °C and at night 15-20 °C, corresponding to a cooler living room. The temperature must not exceed 27 °C for any length of time.
HUMIDITY AND MISTING	Humidity should be 60-90 %, lowest by day and highest at night. Live plants keep the air humid, because they release water at night.
WATER AND WATER QUALITY	Place a large, shallow water bowl in the terrarium, which the frog can sit in freely. The water should be 3-5 cm deep, so that the frog easily gets out again.
LIGHTING AND UVB	The species is arboreal and active at dusk, and a weak UVB source is recommended. A T5 tube with a low UVB share that gives a UV index of 1-3 on the uppermost leaves (Ferguson zone 2) is suitable.
FEEDING	*Zhangixalus feae* eats live insects. Use crickets as the main food, supplemented with grasshoppers and cockroaches. All food must be gut-loaded and dusted with calcium, now and then with a vitamin supplement containing D3.
BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING	The species is active at night and at dusk and sits hidden among the leaves by day. The frog is large and powerful and jumps and glides wildly when startled, so it should be handled as little as possible.
NATIVE RANGE	China, Laos, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand and Vietnam.