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FROGS

Large Horned Frog

Megophrys nasuta

Megophrys nasuta is a large, leaf-shaped frog from the rainforests of South-East Asia, where it lies motionless in the leaf litter waiting for prey. Females grow up to 13 cm, and the snout and upper eyelids are drawn out into pointed flaps, so the animal resembles a withered leaf. The species is delicate, especially when wild caught, and requires a cool, humid and well-ventilated enclosure.

Family: Megophryidae Former name: *Pelobatrachus nasutus* Published 15 November 2026

KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**8-13 cm** snout-vent length
Lifespan	**5-10 years**
Active	**At dusk and at night**
Lifestyle	**Terrestrial**
Habitat	**Rainforest and wetland**
Skin toxins	**None known**
Difficulty	**Experienced**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**90 × 45 × 45 cm** L × W × H for 2 adults
Temperature, day	**21-24 °C**
Temperature, night	**18-21 °C**
Humidity	**70-95%**
Water	**Water dish**
UVB	**Optional** Ferguson zone 1
Diet	**Insects, vertebrates and worms/snails**
Kept	**Singly, in pairs or in groups**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Development	**Tadpoles in water**
Egg-laying site	**In water**
Sexually mature	**9-36 months**
Eggs per clutch	**300-2,400**
Hatching	**12 days**
Larval period	**90-210 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
A pair needs an enclosure of at least 90 × 45 × 45 cm, and 100 × 50 × 50 cm is enough for a group of 2-4 animals.

TEMPERATURE
The species does not tolerate heat. Keep the enclosure at 21-24 °C during the day and 18-21 °C at night, and do not let it exceed 25 °C for any length of time.

HUMIDITY AND MISTING
Keep the humidity at 70-95 %; figures range from 60-80 % to 85-95 %. The species tolerates high humidity as long as ventilation is good, but long periods of a wet substrate and stagnant air can kill it. It must not dry out either.

WATER AND WATER QUALITY
Always provide a large, stable water dish or a small water section with no more than 6-8 cm of water, so that the frog can lie and soak and can easily climb out again.

LIGHTING AND UVB
The frog does not need UVB to survive, but a weak UVB source (Ferguson zone 1) for 10-12 hours a day can be a benefit. Hang the light over one side, so that the rest lies in shade, and keep a day length of about 12 hours.

FEEDING
Megophrys nasuta is greedy and has a large mouth. In the wild it takes insects, spiders, worms, snails, crabs, scorpions and centipedes, and also small vertebrates such as lizards, frogs and young rodents.

BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING
M. nasuta is a shy, sedentary frog that prefers to lie hidden in the leaves with its head raised and its back sloping upwards, so that it looks like a leaf.

NATIVE RANGE
Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Brunei.

The full guide with map and updates: herpy.org/froeer/megophrys-nasuta