



Red Apple Crab

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Care Sheet

Average Size

2 inches long

Average Lifespan

6 years

Diet

Red Apple Crabs are scavengers. Prepared crab foods can be used along with other items such as, small pieces of fruit, greens, freeze dried crickets, mealworms and shrimp. A source of calcium such as a cuttlebone is recommended.

Feeding

Red Apple Crabs are scavengers and prefer always having food available.

Housing

Habitat - Red Apple Crabs are native to Sulawesi and Java Island in Indonesia alongside rivers, streams, and ponds. Red Apple Crabs spend most of their time on land but will venture into water to scavenge and to molt.

Size - Red Apple Crabs are generally peaceful with their own species and can be kept in a group of 3 or less in a 10-gallon enclosure. For more specimens a larger tank is recommended.

Substrate - Red Apple Crabs can be kept in a variety of substrates. A sand/soil substrate is commonly used with the addition of sphagnum or terrarium moss. A substrate of at least 4" is recommended for Red Apple Crabs to borrow. Leaf litter and cork bark are great additions for natural hides. The tank should be divided into 90% land and 10% water. A large water bowl will suffice as the water portion if they can easily get out. It is recommended that the water portion be filtered. If not using a filter, regular water changes are recommended for water quality.

Temperature - Temperatures between 71-79°F are perfect for Red Apple Crabs which can be achieved with a heat lamp, under tank heater or submersible aquarium heater.

Humidity - The humidity of the enclosure should be kept relatively high at 70-90%.

Watering - As long as the enclosure is setup with a water portion, a water bowl is not required.

Lighting - Red Apple Crabs do not require specialized lighting. Lights may be used as a heat source, viewing or for plant growth. There is no current proof that the animal requires UVB light, although some keepers prefer to provide UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.



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