

FERN'S BIOACTIVE FOREST

Armadillidium Maculatum "Zebra Isopods"



Size – 2mm – ¾"

Lifespan – 8 – 12 months approx

Temps – Prefer warmer temps between 75 - 85 F

Humidity – Low – They prefer a drier substrate with a moist corner to retreat and molt.

Food – Leaf litter, rotting wood, veggies, fish food (careful of mites), and Custodian fuels.

These captive bred Isopods are a beautiful edition to anyone's reptile collection. They will breed readily if their requirements are met. These guys like a dryer substrate but need a corner that's moist in order to shed their exoskeleton. Isopods shed in two pieces – so don't be alarmed if you see half of an isopod shell! This species also likes warmer temps making them a great pod for lots of reptile enclosures. They will clean up your reptile's messes and in return, fertilize and aerate your soil! They get their nutrition requirements from their soil, so you'll have to make sure that you get a proper 'bioactive' substrate mix in order to keep them healthy and happy! (Plain old coco fiber doesn't have any nutrition!) Because these guys are captive bred, they require an additional source of calcium in order to keep their exoskeletons hard! In nature they recycle heavy metals in the soil. Never use outside isopods in any enclosure where the risk of them being ingested is even possible. Keep this in mind with outside nature items as well as they could introduce toxins and possibly pests! Nonetheless, these guys are a readily breeding species that is hardy and safe to use in vivariums ! They also make great pets!