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## Giant African Land Snails - *Achatina*

**Housing:** Giant African Land Snails should be kept in a small to medium tank according to their size. Our **Invertebrate Tanks** are ideal.

**Substrate:** A substrate of damp peat or similar is preferred. When the snails are mature the soil must be deep enough for the snails to completely bury themselves during egg laying.

**Temperature:** 24°C to 30°C

**Water:** The snails do not require drinking water, they will gain water from their food and the atmosphere. If the snails have to be left for a couple of days then a small saucer of water can be left. A fairly high humidity should be maintained through daily spraying.

**Food:** The snails will eat a wide variety of vegetables and fruit such as lettuce, apple and potato etc. The snails must also have access to **Cuttlefish Bones (DTS 096)** which provide calcium.

**Care of young:** The hatchling snails are very delicate and must be handled with great care. Either the young or the adults should be removed and set up in another tank. Keep the young snails in the same way as the adults. Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling.

**Weekend care:** If the snails have to be left, clear their tank of old food etc. Leave the snails with a small saucer of water and some 'harder' food such as apple, potato or carrot. Sudden drops in temperature must be avoided and can be fatal.