

Greater Malayan chevrotain

... good things come in small packages!

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MEASUREMENTS

Length: 2 feet

Height: 12 inches
at shoulder

Weight: 15 lbs



Rainforest



Southeast Asia

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Why exhibit chevrotains?

- Enable this population to expand to reach sustainable levels - increasing the number of institutions will provide space for more breeding, a critical factor for this small, short-lived species.
- Challenge the public's perception of how tiny hoofstock can be: there's no smaller ungulate!
- Utilize small mammal houses, nocturnal exhibits, and even aviaries for this species! Small spaces make for comfortable chevrotain homes.
- Promote biodiversity in your collection by housing this chevrotain: the only member of the family Tragulidae (a primitive group of ungulates) in North American zoos.
- Listen to the "awws" when your visitors see the adorable faces of adults (with fang-like teeth in males!) and the cutest, smallest kids!

Get involved with stewardship!

Conserving the Endau-Rompin Landscape, Malaysia
<http://www.wcs.org/saving-wild-places/asia/endau-rompin-malaysia.aspx>

Care and Husbandry

RED SSP: 15.12 (27) in 11 AZA institutions (2019)

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Social nature: Can be kept in monogamous pairs, small groups with one male and multiple females, or all female groups.

Mixed species: Successfully mixed with porcupines, squirrels, lorises, fruit bats, and tortoises. Chevrotains work well in aviaries with many bird species, but will consume bird food fed on the ground.

Housing: Typically exhibited indoors to maintain temperature and eliminate predation risk. Small nest boxes should be provided for birthing and shelter. Historically the best breeding performance has been accomplished in small rather than large exhibits.

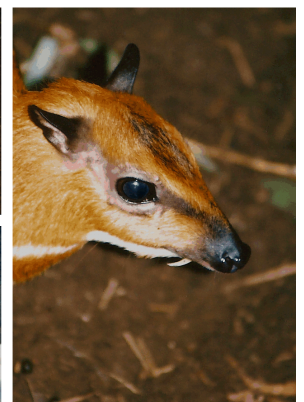
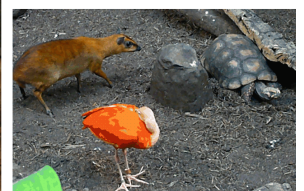
Medical notes: This species is characterized by relatively high infant mortality. Crate training or housing in small exhibits is helpful for hand capture. Try to handle as minimally as possible.

Special requirements: The species does well in aviaries but breeding is best accomplished in quiet, small exhibits.

Keeper resources: Very easy to care for, with simple husbandry.

Please contact the TAG for full husbandry guidelines.

<http://www.azaungulates.org/>



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