## Poison dart frogs

Hide or deter?



Look carefully! Do you find us?

In this terrarium live poison dart frogs, which are very colorful and striking. They hide in the dense foliage and are not always visible. When they come out, you can see the intense colors very well. They act as a deterrent, "Look at me, I'm poisonous!"

Like the Blue Eyes in the terrarium next door, these frogs can climb very well.

Poison dart frogs are called such because a few species are used by indigenous peoples to make poison for darts. Poison dart frogs secrete certain substances through their skin, some of which are very poisonous even in small quantities. Darts equipped with them kill the prey animal by the poisonous effect. Our poison dart frogs are not poisonous because they do not eat the corresponding poisonous prey, such as ants. Nevertheless, frogs should not be touched because they have very sensitive skin.

Poison dart frogs live in South and Central America. The plants in the terrarium create a rainforest-like habitat. Also pay attention to the air temperature and humidity in the terrarium. Unlike our native frogs, poison dart frogs are active year round and do not hibernate.

The frogs in this terrarium are protected species. The frogs in this terrarium are all from offspring in Germany and were not taken from their natural habitat. Frogs belong to the amphibians (amphi = gr. "on both sides"). Frogs live in their development both in the water and on land. From the eggs hatch the tadpoles, which have a tail and at first no legs. They live in the water. The tadpoles develop into frogs with long, strong hind legs. The transformation into humans happens (unfortunately) only in fairy tales.