

EMPEROR SCORPION

DISTRIBUTION



When they are first born they will stay on their mothers back and cannot survive without her, they are unable to feed or regulate their own temperature or humidity requirements so the mother acts as a life support system as well as protects them.

The Emperor Scorpion is the largest of the scorpions but not the longest. Its body is dark blue/green to black, but glows under ultraviolet light.

Pandinus imperator

Under UV light the scorpion will fluoresce.



Sensory hairs cover the scorpions pincers and tail, enabling the scorpion to detect prey through air and ground vibrations.

Newly born scorpions stay on their mothers back.

The emperor scorpion is threatened by over-collection for the pet trade, and by continuing destruction of its habitat through deforestation. The relatively small litter sizes and long generation times typical of scorpions may mean populations take a long time to recover from any losses.

FACTS & FIGURES

Where found	Central Africa
Habitat	Tropical forest and open savannas.
Diet	Insects, mice, arachnids and small lizards
Average length	20cm
Number of young	9-32 live born young
Incubation	7-9 months
Average lifespan	5-8 years

