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Animal Fact Sheet

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Dyeing Poison Dart Frog

Dendrobates tinctorius

The dyeing poison dart frog is not born poisonous, and a captive-bred one never becomes so. Its toxins are stolen: it takes alkaloids from the mites, ants and other small arthropods it eats in the wi…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Dendrobatidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-12 years
Weight: 3-5 grams
Scientific name: Dendrobates tinctorius

Did you know?

- Despite being deadly in the wild, Dyeing Poison Dart Frogs raised in captivity are completely harmless because they do not ingest the toxic insects t…
- These frogs are not born toxic — they build their poison from the mites and ants they eat, so captive-bred ones are harmless. Their bright colours ar…

What I learned

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