

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Harlequin Poison Frog

*Oophaga histrionica*

The Harlequin Poison Frog is a small, vividly colored amphibian native to the rainforests of western Colombia. Its striking coloration, featuring bold patterns of yellow, orange, and black, serves as a warning to predators.

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Dendrobatidae

**Habitat:** Humid lowland and foothill rainforests

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered

**Lifespan:** 5-8 years

**Weight:** 2-4 grams

**Scientific name:** *Oophaga histrionica*

### Did you know?

- Female Harlequin Poison Frogs provide unfertilized eggs as food for their developing tadpoles, exhibiting a unique form of parental care among amphibians.
- Harlequin Poison Frogs get their toxicity from the ants and mites they eat in the wild. Their brilliant colors are an example of aposematism, warning predators of their toxicity.

### What I learned

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