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Range: Island of Madagascar

Habitat: Tropical forests

Diet: Herbivorous (fruits and vegetables)

Ecological Role: Scavenger and food source

Lifespan: 2 to 5 years



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Fun Facts!

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As the name suggests, these roaches hiss by expelling air through tiny holes in their body called spiracles!



Hissing is used for mating, scaring predators, and establishing dominance!



They are often used in movies because they look and sound scary, but they are completely harmless to humans!



They are Ovoviviporous so instead of laying the eggs, the mother keeps them until they hatch and then gives live birth!