# **Asian** Forest Scorpion

Scorpions may never be called cute or cuddly but they sure are fascinating!

Scorpions are arachnids, making them close cousins to spiders. They like to live where it is warm and can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

Scorpions are carnivorous, eating insects, spiders, other scorpions, lizards, and even small mammals. They also give birth to live young.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

All scorpions are venomous, but only about 25 of the 2,000 known species have venom powerful enough to be fatal to humans.

## **Scientific Name:**

Heterometrus Spinifer

## Classification:

Arachnid

Lifespan: 6 - 8 years

Threats: Loss of habitat. Some species of spiders, birds, bats, parasitic wasps, centipedes, lizards and even other scorpions

Distribution: India to Malaysia

**Habitat:** Rainforest

### Appearance:

Dark blue or bright black color with some areas in brown and a gritty texture

**Diet & Feeding:** Feeds on insects, arthropods, and small invertebrates

Social Behaviour: The Asian forest scorpion does not live socially

### Males and females:

Differences between male and females are often extremely subtle

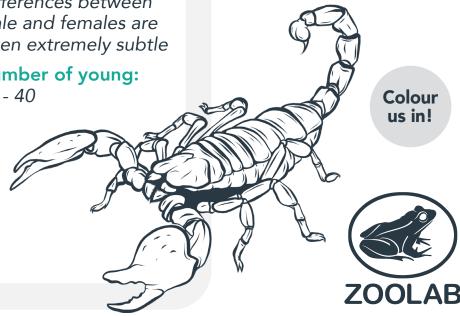
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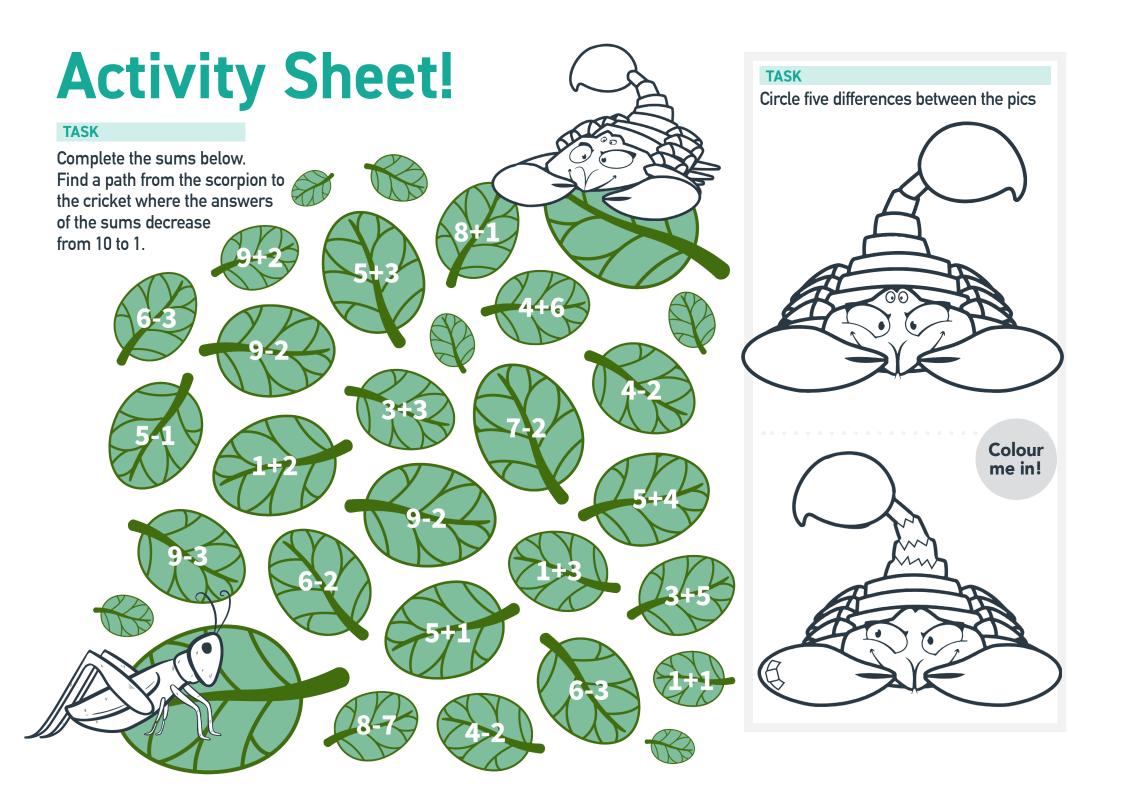


Meet Siro!

## **FACT FILE:**

Pain-wise, it's sting has been likened to that of a bee and some people may have an allergic reaction to the venom





## Quiz

#### Q1

Of the 1,500 scorpion species known, how many are dangerous to humans?

- **a)** 1
- **b)** 25
- **c)** 1,500
- **d)** 300

### Q2

### What is an arachnid?

- **a)** Another name for an insect with six legs
- **b)** An animal with eight legs, no antennae and two body segments
- c) Another name for a true bug
- **d)** A kind of flower found where scorpions live

### Q3

### Where do scorpions live?

- a) Only in Africa
- b) Only in Antarctica
- c) On every continent but Africa
- d) On every continent but Antarctica

