**Fire Skink**

**Native to:** Native to the Tropical Forests of West Africa

**Predators:**  Birds, Snakes, Small Mammals, Other Lizards

**Food:**  Small insects and Worms

**Facts:**.

* They are one of the bigger species of skink growing up to 13 inches in length.
* They get their name from the bright red and orange colors that mark the side of their body.
* They are a diurnal species of lizard that like to burrow in the soil and hide ever so often.
* They need high levels of humidity and heat just like they get in the tropics for proper health in captivity.
* They are highly sought after in the pet trade which has led to a drop of these animals numbers in their natural ranges.
* Their bright colors on their sides warn predators to stay away even though they are not actually toxic.
* The main threats to this species comes from loss of their habitats to due to deforestation.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Bright Colors

**Reproduction:**

Females lays a clutch of five to nine eggs once a year.

**Lifespan:** Can live for about 10 to 15 years in captivity

**Handling Tips**

Our fire skink is very easy to handle. Make sure you hold him securely enough to make sure he does not wiggle his way out of your hands.