

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## African lungfish

*Protopterus annectens*

The African lungfish is a remarkable freshwater fish native to swamps and slow-moving waters of central and western Africa. It is best known for its ability to breathe air using a specialized lung-li...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Protopteridae

**Habitat:** Freshwater swamps, floodplains, and slow-moving rivers

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 20-25 years

**Weight:** 1.5–7 kg

**Scientific name:** *Protopterus annectens*

### Did you know?

- The African lungfish can slow its metabolism by up to 60% and survive for years in a dormant state during droughts.
- African lungfish can survive out of water for months by burying themselves in mud and breathing air. They have a spiral valve intestine, similar to s...

### What I learned

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