

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Arafura file snake

*Acrochordus arafuræ*

The Arafura file snake is a large, aquatic, non-venomous snake native to northern Australia and southern New Guinea. It is recognized by its loose, baggy skin covered in rough, file-like scales, which...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Acrochordidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater rivers, billabongs, and floodplains

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 10-15 years

**Weight:** 1.5-5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Acrochordus arafuræ*

### Did you know?

- Despite being non-venomous, the Arafura file snake is sometimes mistaken for a dangerous species due to its large size and unusual appearance.
- Arafura file snakes have some of the loosest skin among snakes, which helps them hold onto struggling fish. They are one of the few truly aquatic snakes.

### What I learned

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