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Animal Fact Sheet

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Arafura file snake

Acrochordus arafurae

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, whic…

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 arafurae

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 sna…

What I learned

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