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Aye-aye Leech

Chtonobdella ayeaye

The Aye-aye leech (Chtonobdella ayeaye) is a rare terrestrial blood-feeding leech discovered in the rainforests of Madagascar. This unique invertebrate is notable for its association with the aye-aye…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Haemadipsidae
Habitat: Madagascar rainforest
Diet: Carnivore (Sanguivore)
Conservation status: Data Deficient
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 0.5-1.5 grams
Scientific name: Chtonobdella ayeaye

Did you know?

- Unlike most leeches, the Aye-aye leech is adapted to a mostly arboreal lifestyle and can be found climbing trees in search of its hosts.
- The Aye-aye leech is one of the few leech species known to specialize in feeding on lemurs. It is rarely encountered due to its secretive habits and …

What I learned

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