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Animal Fact Sheet

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Banded sea krait

Laticauda colubrina

The banded sea krait is amphibious in a way true sea snakes are not. It retains broad belly scales, so it can crawl properly on land, and it hauls out constantly — to digest, to shed its skin, to mat…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Elapidae
Habitat: Tropical coral reefs and coastal shorelines
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7–10 years
Weight: 0.5–1.0 kg
Scientific name: Laticauda colubrina

Did you know?

- Despite possessing highly toxic venom, the banded sea krait is very docile and bites humans only in extreme self-defense.
- Sea kraits hunting a reef are often shadowed by trevally and goatfish, which snatch the small fish that flee the crevices the krait is probing — an i…

What I learned

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