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## Beddome's Caecilian

*Ichthyophis beddomei*

Beddome's Caecilian is a limbless, burrowing amphibian native to the Western Ghats of southern India. Its elongated, worm-like body is adapted for a subterranean lifestyle, with smooth, segmented skin.

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Ichthyophiidae

**Habitat:** Tropical moist forest floors and underground in the Western Ghats

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Data Deficient

**Lifespan:** 4-7 years (estimated)

**Weight:** 10-20 grams

**Scientific name:** *Ichthyophis beddomei*

### Did you know?

- Unlike most amphibians, Beddome's Caecilian gives birth to live young that are already fully formed, skipping the typical tadpole stage.
- Caecilians are one of the least-known groups of amphibians due to their secretive, burrowing habits. Beddome's Caecilian has tiny, vestigial eyes covered in skin.

### What I learned

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