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Animal Fact Sheet

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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 ski…

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 cov…

What I learned

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