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Animal Fact Sheet

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Central American River Turtle

Dermatemys mawii

The Central American River Turtle, also known as 'hickatee,' is an aquatic turtle native to the freshwater rivers and lagoons of Central America. This species has a large, smooth, olive to brown cara…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Dermatemydidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and lagoons
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 20-30 years
Weight: 8-15 kg
Scientific name: Dermatemys mawii

Did you know?

- Despite being able to grow quite large, the Central American River Turtle is almost never seen basking in the sun, preferring a fully aquatic life.
- The Central American River Turtle is the only living species in its family, making it evolutionarily unique. It can stay underwater for hours due to …

What I learned

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