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Animal Fact Sheet

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Clawed Salamander

Onychodactylus japonicus

The Clawed Salamander is a semi-aquatic amphibian native to East Asia, primarily found in forested mountain streams in Japan. Distinguished by its slender, elongated body and conspicuous claws on its…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Hynobiidae
Habitat: Mountain forest streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Onychodactylus japonicus

Did you know?

- Despite their aquatic lifestyle, Clawed Salamanders are one of the few salamanders with true claws on their toes, an adaptation to their rocky habita…
- Clawed Salamanders use their sharp claws to grip slippery rocks in fast-flowing streams. Unlike many salamanders, they lack lungs and instead breathe…

What I learned

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