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Animal Fact Sheet

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Cuvier's Dwarf Caiman

Paleosuchus palpebrosus

Cuvier's Dwarf Caiman is the smallest living species of crocodilian, native to freshwater habitats of northern and central South America. It is characterized by a broad, short snout and heavily armor…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Alligatoridae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, streams, flooded forests, and swamps
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 25-40 years
Weight: 6-7 kg (13-15 lbs)
Scientific name: Paleosuchus palpebrosus

Did you know?

- Despite their fierce appearance, Cuvier's Dwarf Caimans are sometimes kept as exotic pets due to their manageable size and relatively shy nature.
- Cuvier's Dwarf Caiman has some of the toughest skin among crocodilians due to its heavy dorsal armor. Juveniles can climb over obstacles and even low…

What I learned

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