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Animal Fact Sheet

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Dwarf Crocodile

Osteolaemus tetraspis

The Dwarf Crocodile is the smallest living crocodilian species, native to the dense tropical forests and swamps of West and Central Africa. Characterized by its short, broad snout and heavily armored…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Crocodylidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest swamps and slow-moving freshwater bodies
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 35-50 years
Weight: 18-32 kg
Scientific name: Osteolaemus tetraspis

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, dwarf crocodiles are known to dig complex burrows up to 6 meters long to stay cool and safe during the day.
- Dwarf crocodiles can climb muddy banks and even low tree roots to bask in the sun. Unlike larger crocodile species, they primarily hunt at night. The…

What I learned

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