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Animal Fact Sheet

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Emperor Scorpion

Pandinus imperator

Pandinus imperator of West African rainforest is among the largest scorpions alive, up to about 20 cm, and it is also one of the least dangerous. That is not a coincidence. Its enormous, crab-like pe…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Scorpionidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest floor and savanna regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 6-8 years
Weight: 30-58 grams
Scientific name: Pandinus imperator

Did you know?

- The Emperor Scorpion's venom is so mild that a bee sting is often more painful to humans.
- The fluorescence appears only after the cuticle has hardened, so a newly moulted scorpion does not glow — which is how the effect was traced to the o…

What I learned

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