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False Gharial

Tomistoma schlegelii

The False Gharial, also known as the Malayan gharial, is a large, freshwater crocodilian native to Southeast Asia. Distinguished by its long, slender snout, it closely resembles the true gharial but …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Gavialidae
Habitat: Freshwater swamps, peatland forests, and slow-moving rivers
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 50-60 years
Weight: 150–210 kg
Scientific name: Tomistoma schlegelii

Did you know?

- Despite its name, the False Gharial is genetically closer to true crocodiles than to the true gharial.
- Unlike most crocodilians, the False Gharial has a particularly narrow snout adapted for catching fish, but adults also prey on mammals and birds. It …

What I learned

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