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Animal Fact Sheet

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Frilled Shark

Chlamydoselachus anguineus

Chlamydoselachus anguineus looks less like a shark than like something reassembled from spare parts. Its body is long and eel-like, its dorsal fin is set almost at the tail, and it has six pairs of g…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Chlamydoselachidae
Habitat: Deep ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: up to 25 years
Weight: 10-20 kg
Scientific name: Chlamydoselachus anguineus

Did you know?

- The frilled shark has a gestation period that may last up to 3.5 years, one of the longest known in the animal kingdom.
- The frilled shark is often called a living fossil, which is loose — the modern species is not ancient, but the lineage is, and the animal retains a s…

What I learned

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