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Gharial

Gavialis gangeticus

The gharial is a critically endangered crocodilian distinguished by its long, slender snout, which is perfectly adapted for catching fish. Native to river systems in the northern Indian subcontinent,...

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile

Family: Gavialidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Critically Endangered

Lifespan: 30-50 years

Weight: 159–250 kg (350–550 lbs)

Scientific name: *Gavialis gangeticus*

Did you know?

- Gharials have the most acute specialization for eating fish among all living crocodilians, with over 100 sharp teeth perfectly suited for grasping an...
- Male gharials have a unique bulbous growth called a 'ghara' on their snouts, which amplifies their vocalizations. Gharials are expert fish hunters, u...

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