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Animal Fact Sheet

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Gharial

Gavialis gangeticus

Gavialis gangeticus is the crocodilian that gave up on eating anything but fish. Its snout has become an absurdly long, narrow tube — proportionally the slimmest of any crocodilian — armed with over …

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…
- Because its jaws are far too narrow and fragile to carry hatchlings in the mouth as other crocodilians do, a gharial parent lets the young ride on it…

What I learned

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