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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant African Millipede

Archispirostreptus gigas

The Giant African Millipede is one of the largest millipede species in the world, reaching lengths up to 33 centimeters (13 inches). This invertebrate is characterized by its long, cylindrical body w…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Spirostreptidae
Habitat: Rainforest
Diet: Detritivore (feeds on decaying plant material)
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 100-120 grams
Scientific name: Archispirostreptus gigas

Did you know?

- Giant African Millipedes can regenerate lost legs during molting, a process that occurs multiple times throughout their life.
- The Giant African Millipede can curl into a tight spiral to protect its softer underbelly when threatened. It secretes a mild toxin that smells like …

What I learned

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