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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Armadillo

Priodontes maximus

Priodontes maximus is the largest armadillo, occasionally exceeding 50 kg, and it is built around a single enormous tool: the sickle-shaped third claw of the forefoot, which is one of the biggest cla…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Chlamyphoridae
Habitat: Tropical forests, savannas, and grasslands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 12-15 years in the wild
Weight: 18-60 kg
Scientific name: Priodontes maximus

Did you know?

- Despite their size, giant armadillos are rarely seen in the wild due to their secretive, nocturnal habits.
- Unlike the three-banded armadillo, a giant armadillo cannot roll into a ball; its armour is far too rigid, and its defence is to dig itself out of si…

What I learned

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