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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant Earthworm

Megascolides australis

The Giant Earthworm, specifically the Giant Gippsland Earthworm, is one of the world's largest earthworm species, reaching lengths of up to 3 meters (almost 10 feet). This remarkable invertebrate is …

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Megascolecidae
Habitat: Moist, clay-rich soils in forested riverbanks
Diet: Detritivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 5–10 years
Weight: 200–500 grams
Scientific name: Megascolides australis

Did you know?

- The Giant Earthworm can live its entire life without ever coming to the surface, spending all its days in vast underground burrows.
- Giant Earthworms can stretch to over 3 meters in length but are only about 2 centimeters wide. They produce a faint gurgling sound as they move under…

What I learned

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