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Giant Leech

Haementeria ghilianii

The giant leech is one of the world's largest leech species, native to South America. It can grow up to 45 centimeters (18 inches) in length, making it a strikingly large invertebrate. This freshwater...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Glossiphoniidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and swamps

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Data Deficient

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 100-200 grams

Scientific name: *Haementeria ghilianii*

Did you know?

- The proboscis of the giant leech can extend up to 15 centimeters, allowing it to feed on hosts much larger than itself.
- The giant leech can extend its body to more than double its resting length when searching for food. It is known for its stealthy feeding method, usin...

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