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Animal Fact Sheet

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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 freshwate…

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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