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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden Mole

Chrysochloris asiatica

Golden moles (family Chrysochloridae) are not moles at all - they are afrotherians, more closely related to elephants and tenrecs than to the true moles of Europe and North America, and their resembl…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Chrysochloridae
Habitat: Subterranean burrows in grasslands, forests, savannas, and sand dunes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 3-6 years
Weight: 20-120 grams
Scientific name: Chrysochloris asiatica

Did you know?

- Despite their name, golden moles are not closely related to true moles and belong to their own unique mammalian order, Afrosoricida.
- Golden mole hair is the only known mammal fur that is structurally iridescent, and it appears to be a side effect of hairs built for slipping through…

What I learned

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