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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden Poison Dart Frog

Phyllobates terribilis

Phyllobates terribilis, restricted to a small area of Pacific lowland rainforest in Colombia's Cauca department, is the most toxic vertebrate known. A single wild adult, about 5 cm long, can carry ar…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Dendrobatidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 1-2 grams
Scientific name: Phyllobates terribilis

Did you know?

- Captive Golden Poison Dart Frogs lose their toxicity because they do not consume the same toxic insects found in the wild.
- Only three Phyllobates species were ever actually used for darts, and terribilis is the one potent enough to be used without heating the frog first. …

What I learned

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