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Animal Fact Sheet

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Hercules Beetle

Dynastes hercules

Dynastes hercules of Central and South American rainforest is the longest beetle in the world, with exceptional males reaching about 17 cm - but more than half of that is horn. The male carries an en…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Scarabaeidae
Habitat: Tropical rainforest
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1 to 2 years (including larval stage)
Weight: 50 to 100 grams
Scientific name: Dynastes hercules

Did you know?

- The Hercules beetle has the longest body length of any living beetle species, with some males reaching up to 17 centimeters including their horns.
- The humidity colour change is reversible and happens within minutes; collectors can watch a beetle turn from black to olive as it dries out. Males in…

What I learned

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