

Animal Fact Sheet

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Hispaniolan Solenodon

Solenodon paradoxus

The Hispaniolan solenodon is a rare, nocturnal mammal native to the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean. It has a long, flexible snout, small eyes, and a body resembling a large shrew, covered in c...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Solenodontidae

Habitat: Moist forests and brushy areas of Hispaniola

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Endangered

Lifespan: 5–11 years

Weight: 0.6–1 kg

Scientific name: *Solenodon paradoxus*

Did you know?

- The solenodon's closest relatives went extinct millions of years ago, making it a living fossil.
- Solenodons are among the only mammals with venomous saliva. They have a unique, shuffling gait and their lineage dates back to the time of the dinosa...

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