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Animal Fact Sheet

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Inland Taipan

Oxyuranus microlepidotus

Oxyuranus microlepidotus of Australia's arid channel country has, by murine LD50, the most toxic venom of any land snake - a single average bite delivers enough to kill many tens of thousands of mice…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Elapidae
Habitat: Arid grasslands and clay plains
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 1.5–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Oxyuranus microlepidotus

Did you know?

- Despite its deadly venom, there are virtually no recorded human fatalities from Inland Taipan bites due to its remote habitat and secretive nature.
- The inland taipan was described in 1879, then effectively lost to science for 90 years until it was rediscovered in 1972 - remarkable for the most ve…

What I learned

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