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Animal Fact Sheet

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Japanese Giant Salamander

Andrias japonicus

Andrias japonicus reaches 1.5 m and 25 kg, making it the second-largest amphibian on Earth, and it lives in cold, fast, rocky streams in western Japan, where it is called hanzaki - a name usually exp…

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian
Family: Cryptobranchidae
Habitat: Cold, fast-flowing streams and rivers
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 50-70 years
Weight: 20-30 kg
Scientific name: Andrias japonicus

Did you know?

- The Japanese Giant Salamander is considered a living fossil, having changed little since the time of the dinosaurs.
- Japanese giant salamanders can live over 50 years, and one at Amsterdam Zoo reportedly reached 52. They secrete a milky, sticky mucus with a strong o…

What I learned

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