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Animal Fact Sheet

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Long-beaked Echidna

Zaglossus bruijni

The Long-beaked Echidna is a spiny, egg-laying mammal native to the rugged highland forests of New Guinea. Unlike its Australian short-beaked cousin, it has an elongated, downward-curving snout, perf…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Tachyglossidae
Habitat: Montane forests and upland regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 15-30 years
Weight: 5-10 kg
Scientific name: Zaglossus bruijni

Did you know?

- The Long-beaked Echidna can lower its body temperature to near ambient levels, making it one of the most cold-tolerant mammals in the tropics.
- Long-beaked Echidnas are one of the few mammals that lay eggs. They have electroreceptors in their snouts to detect prey underground. Despite their s…

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