

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Mangrove Monitor

*Varanus indicus*

The Mangrove Monitor is a medium-sized monitor lizard native to northern Australia, New Guinea, and many islands throughout the western Pacific. It is characterized by its sleek, muscular body, dark ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Varanidae

**Habitat:** Mangrove forests and coastal wetlands

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 8-20 years

**Weight:** 1-2 kg

**Scientific name:** *Varanus indicus*

### Did you know?

- Despite their aquatic adaptations, Mangrove Monitors can sometimes be found far inland, utilizing rivers and wetlands away from the coast.
- Mangrove Monitors can excrete excess salt from glands near their eyes, allowing them to thrive in salty environments. They are one of the few monitor...

### What I learned

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