

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Marine Iguana

*Amblyrhynchus cristatus*

The marine iguana is a unique species of lizard found exclusively on the Galápagos Islands. It is the only lizard in the world that has adapted to a marine lifestyle, foraging for algae in the ocean....

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Iguanidae

**Habitat:** Rocky coastal shorelines of the Galápagos Islands

**Diet:** Herbivore

**Conservation status:** Vulnerable

**Lifespan:** 12-20 years

**Weight:** 0.5–1.5 kg

**Scientific name:** *Amblyrhynchus cristatus*

### Did you know?

- Despite being cold-blooded, marine iguanas can spend up to an hour in frigid ocean waters, emerging covered in salt and often shivering to warm up on...
- Marine iguanas sneeze out excess salt through specialized glands near their noses, leaving white salt crusts on their heads. Males develop bright red...

### What I learned

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