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Mexican Beaded Lizard

Heloderma horridum

The Mexican Beaded Lizard is a large venomous lizard native to the Pacific slopes of Mexico and parts of Central America. It is known for its striking, bead-like scales that cover its robust body, as…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Helodermatidae
Habitat: Dry tropical forests and scrublands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 20-40 years
Weight: 1.4–2.0 kg
Scientific name: Heloderma horridum

Did you know?

- Unlike most lizards, the Mexican Beaded Lizard stores fat in its tail, allowing it to survive long periods without food.
- The Mexican Beaded Lizard is one of the very few venomous lizards in the world. Its saliva is being studied for compounds that may help treat diabete…

What I learned

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