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Animal Fact Sheet

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New Caledonian Giant Gecko

Rhacodactylus leachianus

Rhacodactylus leachianus is the largest living gecko in the world, reaching about 36 cm in total length and over 250 g — heavy enough that it moves with a deliberate, sloth-like slowness quite unlike…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Diplodactylidae
Habitat: Tropical forest (primarily humid lowland and montane forests)
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 15–25 years
Weight: 200–300 grams
Scientific name: Rhacodactylus leachianus

Did you know?

- This gecko can grow up to 36 centimeters (over 14 inches) in total length, making it the largest living gecko species on Earth.
- New Caledonia's geckos, including this one, are the descendants of an old radiation on an island fragment that broke from Gondwana, and the group has…

What I learned

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