

CREATURE ATLAS

Animal Fact Sheet

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Olm

Proteus anguinus

The olm is a rare, blind amphibian found exclusively in the subterranean waters of the Dinaric Karst of Central and Southeastern Europe. Adapted to complete darkness, it possesses a pale, almost tran...

Quick facts

Classification: Amphibian

Family: Proteidae

Habitat: Subterranean freshwater caves

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 70-100 years

Weight: 15-20 grams

Scientific name: *Proteus anguinus*

Did you know?

- Despite being completely blind, olms can detect electrical fields and minute chemical changes in the water to locate prey.
- Olms can survive up to 10 years without eating by lowering their metabolic rate. Unlike most amphibians, they remain in their larval form throughout ...

What I learned
