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Animal Fact Sheet

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Olm

Proteus anguinus

Proteus anguinus lives its entire life underwater in the flooded karst caves of the Dinaric Alps, in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it may be the longest-lived amphibian on Earth: dem…

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.
- A black subspecies, Proteus anguinus parkelj, was discovered in 1986 near Crna Jama in Slovenia; it has functional eyes and dark pigment, and it live…

What I learned

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