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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pyrenean desman

Galemys pyrenaicus

The Pyrenean desman is a small, semi-aquatic mammal native to the mountainous streams of the Iberian Peninsula and the Pyrenees. It is characterized by its elongated, flexible snout, webbed feet, and…

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal
Family: Talpidae
Habitat: Mountain streams and rivers
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 3-4 years
Weight: 35-80 grams
Scientific name: Galemys pyrenaicus

Did you know?

- Despite being called a 'desman,' the Pyrenean desman is more closely related to moles than to muskrats or otters.
- Pyrenean desmans use their long, mobile snouts to detect prey underwater by touch and smell. They are excellent swimmers, aided by fringed hind feet …

What I learned

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