

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Ringed Caecilian

*Siphonops annulatus*

The Ringed Caecilian is a limbless, burrowing amphibian native to South America, easily recognized by its segmented, ring-like markings across its body. Living mainly underground, it has a cylindrical...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Amphibian

**Family:** Siphonopidae

**Habitat:** Moist tropical and subtropical forests, often in loose, damp soil

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 5-10 years

**Weight:** 20-50 grams

**Scientific name:** *Siphonops annulatus*

### Did you know?

- Ringed Caecilian mothers feed their newly hatched young with a special skin that the babies peel and eat—a phenomenon known as maternal dermatotrophy.
- Ringed Caecilians lay eggs that hatch into aquatic larvae, a rare trait among caecilians. They secrete a slimy mucus from their skin for protection. ...

### What I learned

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