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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 cylindrica…

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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