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Rio Fuerte Beaded Lizard

Heloderma exasperatum

The Rio Fuerte Beaded Lizard is a large, venomous lizard native to northwestern Mexico. Characterized by its bead-like, bumpy skin and thick body, it sports a striking pattern of black with yellow or…

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Helodermatidae
Habitat: Dry forests and thorn scrub of northwestern Mexico
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 20-30 years
Weight: 1.4–2.2 kg
Scientific name: Heloderma exasperatum

Did you know?

- The Rio Fuerte Beaded Lizard can store fat in its tail, allowing it to survive long periods without food.
- Unlike most lizards, the Rio Fuerte Beaded Lizard produces venom, which it uses primarily for defense rather than hunting. Its skin is covered with b…

What I learned

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