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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sandfish Skink

Scincus scincus

The Sandfish Skink is a small, burrowing lizard native to the sandy deserts of North Africa and parts of the Middle East. Famous for its unique ability to 'swim' through loose sand, this reptile has …

Quick facts

Classification: Reptile
Family: Scincidae
Habitat: Desert
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Scincus scincus

Did you know?

- Despite its name, the sandfish skink is not related to fish at all—its name comes from its remarkable swimming-like movement through sand.
- The sandfish skink can move through sand at speeds up to 15 cm per second, almost as if it were swimming through water. Its eyelids are transparent, …

What I learned

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