

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
