

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Smooth-fronted Caiman

*Paleosuchus trigonatus*

The Smooth-fronted Caiman, also known as Schneider's Dwarf Caiman, is a relatively small crocodylian native to northern and central South America. Distinguished by its smooth, sloping forehead and he...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Reptile

**Family:** Alligatoridae

**Habitat:** Tropical rainforest streams and rivers

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 20-40 years

**Weight:** 7-15 kg

**Scientific name:** *Paleosuchus trigonatus*

### Did you know?

- The smooth-fronted caiman is one of the smallest living crocodylian species, with adults rarely exceeding 1.5 meters in length.
- Unlike most caimans, the smooth-fronted caiman often uses burrows for shelter. Its heavily ossified scales provide extra protection from predators, a...

### What I learned

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