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Smooth-fronted Caiman

Paleosuchus trigonatus

The Smooth-fronted Caiman, also known as Schneider's Dwarf Caiman, is a relatively small crocodilian 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 crocodilian 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…

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