

## **What do they eat?**

Caecilians are \_\_\_\_\_. They eat things like insect larvae, termites, \_\_\_\_\_ which can be found in the swampy areas they live in.

## **Where do they live?**

Caecilians live in \_\_\_\_\_ areas like:  
Central America, South America, \_\_\_\_\_, India,  
Southeast Asia. Caecilians are a legless, tailless tropical amphibian.

## **How are they categorized?**

They are from the phylum *Chordata*, the subphylum *Vertebrata*, the class *Amphibia*, the order *Gymnophiona*, and the family *Caecilidae*.

### **Fact #1**

Some caecilians have small \_\_\_\_\_ under their \_\_\_\_\_ but others don't have eyes at all. Caecilians comes from the Latin word "caecus" which means \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Fact #2**

They are the only tentacled amphibian and they have small \_\_\_\_\_ between their eyes and nostrils, which help them find \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Fact #3**

Caecilians come in \_\_\_\_\_ colors like: gray, black, \_\_\_\_\_, purple, green, blue, orange, or \_\_\_\_\_.

Some colors warn predators and some have \_\_\_\_\_ glands. Caecilians are \_\_\_\_\_ with folds of skin called \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Fact #4**

Their heads were built for \_\_\_\_\_ into dirt and mud.

They have pointed snouts and hard, thick skulls which also let them move through \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Fact #5**

Caecilians move like \_\_\_\_\_. They use \_\_\_\_\_ locomotion to move. Their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ act like pistons and their rear ends anchor. This allows them to take advantage of forceful muscular \_\_\_\_\_ which will let them drive their heads forward. This action makes them look like a hydraulic ram.

### **Fact #6**

Caecilians are very \_\_\_\_\_. They have \_\_\_\_\_ of needle like teeth which allow them to swallow their meals whole.

### **Fact #7**

Caecilians have \_\_\_\_\_ jaws and they have \_\_\_\_\_ sets of muscles for \_\_\_\_\_ the jaws. This comes in hand for \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Fact #8**

Caecilians are the only \_\_\_\_\_ that use \_\_\_\_\_ insemination. Their mating sessions can last for

\_\_\_\_\_. Males caecilians have phallodeums, a penis like appendage, and \_\_\_\_\_ caecilians have cloacas.

### **Fact #9**

Caecilians give birth to live young. \_\_\_\_ of caecilians lay eggs and the other \_\_\_\_ give birth to already developed \_\_\_\_\_. Before birth the offspring use their \_\_\_\_\_ to feed on the lining of their mother's oviduct.

### **Fact #10**

The mothers have a special way to provide for their young. The caecilian babies \_\_\_\_\_ their mothers \_\_\_\_\_ which is called dermatotrophy.



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