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animal fact file

giant land snail

NAME: *Achatina* sp.

FROM: Africa

EATS: Decaying vegetable matter

SIZE: Up to 20cm shell length

AGE: Up to 10 years

SEXING: They're both!

HOUSING: Communally

The largest Giant African Land Snail ever found was over 30 cm in length when fully extended. Its shell measured 20 cm.

In West Africa these snails are sliced up, fried in oil and eaten.

Snails have both male and female reproductive organs so in isolated areas, they can reproduce by themselves.

