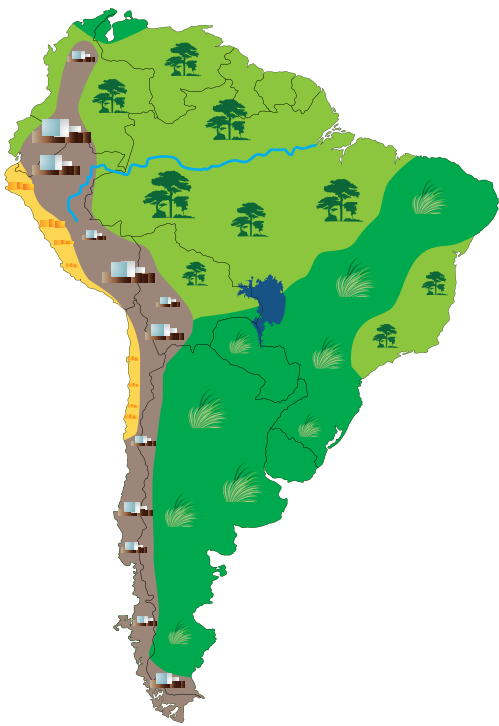


Habitat Question

The giant armadillo can be found in the Pantanal.

It is the largest freshwater wetland area in the world.

It stretches over Brazil, Bolivia and Paraguay.



*Look at this habitat map.
Can you see where the Pantanal is?*

Diet Question

This is a picture of a giant armadillo skull.

They have tiny teeth on the top and bottom.



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Why do you think the giant armadillo doesn't need any other kind of teeth?

Claw Question

The third claw on the front foot can be up to 20cm long.



Why do you think the giant armadillo needs such a big claw?

Threat Question

One of the threats to giant armadillos is the local beekeepers!



Can you think why some beekeepers don't like the giant armadillos and what the solution is?



Answer

The giant armadillo mainly eats ants and termites.

The tiny teeth can help to crunch the insects but they don't need any other type of biting or killing teeth.

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Answer

The giant armadillos like to eat the larvae.

They can stand on their back legs, balancing on their tail and knock the beehive down!

One solution is for the beekeepers to agree to make their beehives taller.

The beekeepers will then get a certificate and can put a label on their honey saying 'giant armadillo friendly honey'.



These labels are in Portuguese because the idea was first introduced in Brazil.

Answer

The Pantanal is this area marked on the habitat map.



The Pantanal just has two seasons – a dry season and a wet season.



Answer

The big claw is used to rip open the ant-hills.

Their back paws are used for digging into the sand to make their burrows.



The giant armadillos come out at night so most of the photos are from camera traps.

Length Question

The giant armadillo is 1.5m long.

The giant armadillo is the largest of the armadillo species.



Do you know the name of the smallest of the armadillo species?

Burrow Question

Giant armadillos dig large burrows.

The giant armadillo will make a new burrow about every 2-3 days.



Do you know what happens to the giant armadillo's old burrows?

Babies Question

This is a photo a baby with mum.



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Do you think the mum giant armadillo can give birth to more than one baby at a time ?

Answer

Lots of other animals use the giant armadillo's old burrows!

There has been over 70 different species seen using old giant armadillo burrows.

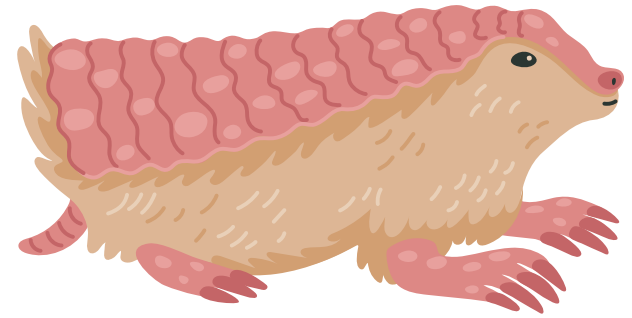
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Answer

The smallest of the armadillo species is called the pink fairy armadillo.

The pink fairy armadillo is only about 11-14cm.



Answer

Giant armadillos give birth to just one baby at a time.

Babies will grow inside mum for about 5 months before they are born.

The baby will spend about a year with mum.