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Biology of gila monsters and beaded lizards pdf

Not monsters at all. Gila monsters are one of the few species of poisonous lizards on the planet. These predators are classified as almost threatened, and they are native to Arizona, California and Mexico. Gil's physical description of the monsters is black, patterned along the back with contrasting pink or orange. In the southern subspecies, the sharpened monster Gil, the light marks are broken to form a discreet pattern. In the northern subspecies, Gil's striped monster, light marks usually form a continuous streak across the back. The size of the largest lizard in the United States, Gila Monsters can measure up to about 22 inches (56 centimeters) in total length. The Habitat Gila monster lives mainly in Arizona and Mexico, the far southeastern corner of California, the southern tip of Nevada, and the southwestern corners of Utah and New Mexico. Its name comes from the Gila River, where lizards are common. Gila monsters are desert dwellers living near washes and arroyos and in semi-arid rocky areas of desert shrubs or meadows. Gila monsters also seem to prefer the rocky foothills and avoid open apartments and agricultural areas. They can live at altitudes of up to 5,000 feet (1,500 meters). The Food/Eating Habits Gila Monster is one of only a small number of venomous lizards (including a Mexican beaded lizard, a Komodo dragon and some Australian species). He can bite fast and hold on tenaciously. Instead of injecting venom through hollow fangs like venomous snakes, Gilas increased, fluted teeth into the lower jaw. When they bite, their powerful jaws chew the poison through capillary action along the groove in these teeth. Gil's monster venom is about as toxic as that of a western rattlesnake with diamonds. However, a relatively small amount of poison is injected into Gil's bite. Gila monsters can hold on to the predator for more than ten minutes. There is no antivenine for Gil's bites. Gila monsters most often raid nests to hunt small birds and eggs. They also catch small mammals, lizards, frogs, insects and carrion. They can eat up to one third of their body weight in one meal. Their large size means they can store more energy than small lizards. They store fat both in the tails and in the body. Their low metabolic rate and ability to eat large meals, combined with their ability to store fat, make frequent food searches unnecessary. Therefore, Gila's monsters often remain hidden underground. It has been suggested that Gilas can consume all the calories they need during the year in three or four large meals. Their top speed is only 1.5 miles per hour (2.4 kilometers per hour). At the Smithsonian's national zoo, Gil's monsters eat mice every two weeks. Sometimes they get a hard-boiled egg. Social structure They are usually solitary animals but gather in communal spring for mating. Gila Monsters Monsters The house has a range of about 1 square mile (1.6 square kilometers). The reproduction and development of Gila monsters mate in spring, which is also when food is most common. In late April and early June there are courtships and fights between men and men. Females lay two to 12 leather eggs, which spend the winter underground and hatch next spring in 120-150 days. Hatchlings are about 6 inches (15 centimeters) long and have miniature copies of their parents. Hatchlings on their own immediately. Sleep Habits They are diuretic, but most active in the morning. Gila monsters spend most of their lives hidden underground. Most of their ground activities take place within three months of spring. Life expectancy they usually live 20 years or more in human aid, although the record is 36 years. They are threatened by habitat destruction, including overgrazing, truck farming and cotton planting. They are protected under Arizona law. 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