FOR ZOOLOGISTS:

Bosavi Giant Woolly Rat (Mallomys species nova)

Discovered in 2009 inside the crater of an extinct volcano.
Considered to be the largest in the Muridae family.
An active nocturnal forager.

Papua New Guinea: 6° 35' S, 142° 52' E.

FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

Tastes like chicken.



FOR HERPETOLOGISTS:

Coromandel Striped Gecko (Hoplodactylus stephensi)

This extremely rare gecko belongs to a family of over-engineered reptiles.

Can hold hundreds of times its own body weight; about the equivalent of two human adults.

Has an incredible ability to stick to surfaces.

Coromandel Peninsula: 37° 0' S, 175° 40' E.

FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

Tie rope around gecko. Toss gecko at cliff face. Proceed to climb.





FOR ORNITHOLOGISTS:

Ecuadorian Hillstar (Oreotrochilus chimborazo)

This species belongs to the only group of birds that can fly backwards.
All records of sightings are in the altitude range of 3,500 to 5,200 metres.
Usually hides in tall grassland.

The Andes: 00° 40′ S, 78° 26′ W.



FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

Squeeze bird gently for a high pitched whistle. Effective for sending Morse code signals.



FOR ICHTHYOLOGISTS:

Electric Eel (Electrophorus electricus)

The largest species of Gymnotiformes and an apex predator in its range.
This air-breather generates its electrical pulse through 5,000 stacked electroplaques.
Can produce a shock of 500 volts.

The Amazon: 2°19′ N, 63° 21′ W.

FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

A single discharge will power your satellite radio receiver for a week.



FOR OLIGOCHAETOLOGISTS:

Giant South African Earthworm (Microchaetus rappi)

These rare giant earthworms have been known to grow as large as 6.5 metres in length.

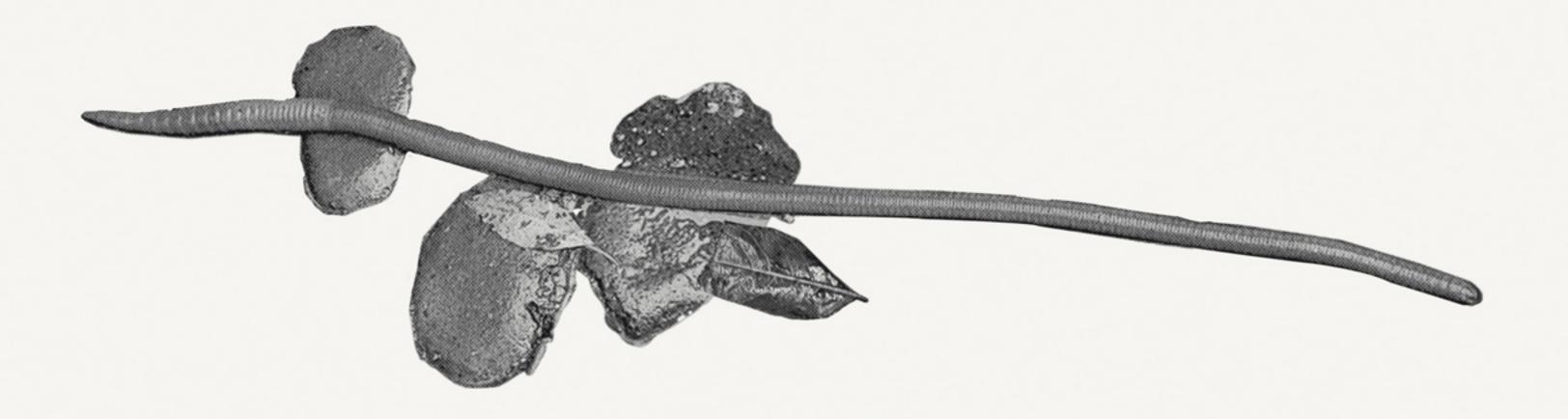
The worms live in subsoil of blue, grey or red clay along a flowing water source.

They emit gurgling sounds as they move.

Eastern Cape: 32°47'S, 26°50'E.

FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

High-protein snack for four adults.





FOR MYRIAPODOLOGISTS:

Luminous Millipede (Luminodesmus sequoiae)

This rare creature lives in mountain forests and is a specialized detritivore.

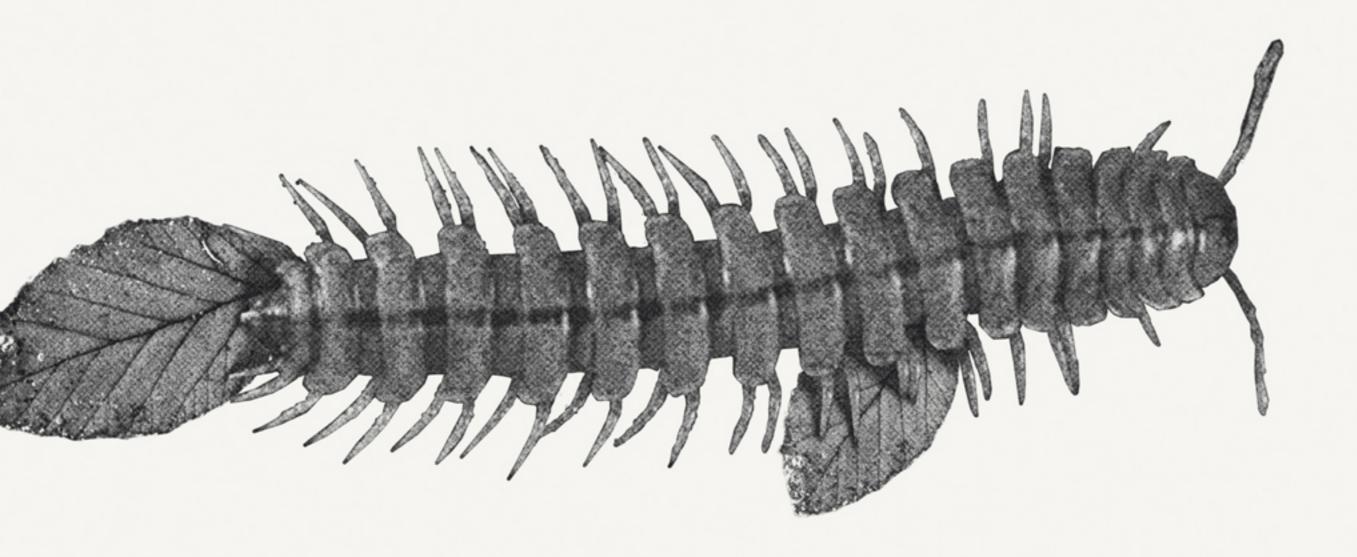
Produces strong luminescence that travels from the cuticle, legs and antens.

Emits bright green light throughout the body.

Sierra Nevada: 36° 34' N, 118° 17' W.

FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

Perfect for reading maps at night.





FOR HERBOLOGISTS:

Snow Mountain Garlic (Allium sativum)

This rare herb only grows at 1,800 metres above sea level.
Can survive temperatures as low as minus 10° centigrade.
Requires negligible levels of oxygen.

The Himalayas: 35° 38' N, 76° 18' E.



FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

Applying juice on skin makes an effective mosquito repellent.



FOR BOTANISTS:

Yakla Snow Lotus (Sassurea yakla)

This rare lotus is only found at altitudes of 3,500 to 4,300 metres.
The leaves of this beautiful plant are arranged in a rosette pattern on the ground.
Has a multitude of medicinal properties.

Yakla Pass: 27° 22'N, 88° 48'E.

FOR LAND ROVER OWNERS:

Handy substitute to toilet paper.



