



The South American lungfish, *Lepidosiren paradoxa*, known for being a living fossil, possesses the largest genome of any animal, approximately 30 times the size of the human genome.

7. ****Discovery of *Gastrodia indica*:**



A new orchid species, *Gastrodia indica*, was discovered in Fambong Lho Wildlife Sanctuary in Sikkim, India, by botanist Madhupratap Chahal. This orchid is unique for not opening its flowers, a rare trait among orchids.