

# ***Alpine salamander***



# propagation



The Alpine salamander lives in the central and eastern Alps at altitudes above 700 meters above sea level in southeastern Switzerland, western and central Austria, northern Italy and Slovenia, southern Germany and France, limited populations in Croatia and Serbia.

Kingdom: Animals

Type: Chordal

Class: Amphibians

Order: Tailed amphibians

Family: Salamanders

Genus: Salamanders

Species: Alpine salamander

# description

- Externally, the Alpine salamander is similar to another representative of the genus Salamandra - the fire salamander. Distinctive features are a slimmer body, smaller size and mostly monochromatic color of the alpine salamander. The length of the adult alpine salamander is from 9 to 14 cm, there are individuals up to 18 cm long.



# lifestyle

- They prefer the banks of mountain streams, hide under stones or in shrubs. Alpine salamanders are viviparous animals. The larvae develop in the mother body throughout the year. Although the female has 30 to 40 eggs in the oviducts, only two larvae undergo complete metamorphosis. The remaining eggs serve as food for the two developing larvae, which eat them whole until birth. The lifespan of the Alpine salamander is about 10 years. They feed on invertebrates.

