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World's most electrifying eel found in Amazon – 14th September, 2019

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Scientists found a new electric eel in the Amazon. It can give us an 860-volt electric shock. This is eight times stronger than the 110 volts of electricity used in U.S. homes. The eel is 2.4 meters long and weighs 45kgs. The scientists said the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists found two new kinds of eel. The 860-volt eel is in the news because of its shocking power. Scientists thought there was only one electric eel in the world. A researcher said there are many more kinds of animals in the world that we don't know are there. He said there could be many unknown animals in the Amazon.

Level 1

Scientists found a new species of electric eel in the Amazon. It can give someone an 860-volt electric shock. This is eight times stronger than the electricity Americans use in their homes. American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel is 2.4 meters long and weighs 45kgs. It would give a human a bad electric shock and could kill one. The scientists wrote that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists found two new species of electric eel. The 860-volt eel is in the headlines because of its shocking power. Scientists used to believe there was only one electric eel in the world. A researcher said: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia...[suggests a] vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."

Level 2

Scientists discovered a new species of electric eel. It is the most shocking creature in the world. It was discovered in the Amazon. It can give someone an 860-volt electric shock. This is eight times stronger than the electricity in the wall socket of an American home. Appliances in America need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel is 2.4 meters long and weighs 45kgs. It has enough power to give a human a severe electric shock. It is possible it could kill a human. The scientists wrote in a journal that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists said they actually found two new species of electric eel. The 860-volt eel is grabbing the headlines because of its power. Until these recent discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in the world. A researcher said we will find more new species. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered in that region?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity hot spots, [suggests a] vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."

Level 3

Scientists have discovered a new species of electric eel that is truly shocking. In fact, it is the most shocking creature in the world. The new eel was discovered in the Amazon. It is capable of giving someone an electric shock that is nearly eight times stronger than the electricity found in the wall socket of an American home. The eel is 2.4 meters long, weighs 45kgs, and can discharge a shock of 860 volts. Appliances in American homes need just 110 volts of electricity. The eel has enough power to give a human a severe electric shock. It is possible the shock could kill a human. The scientists wrote in the journal Nature Communications that the eel is "the strongest living bio-electricity generator".

Scientists have named the new eel *Electrophorus voltae*. The team of researchers actually found two new species of electric eel, but *Electrophorus voltae* is grabbing the headlines because of its electrical power. Up until the two recent discoveries, scientists believed there was only one electric eel in existence. Lead researcher Dr David de Santana said he would not be surprised to find more new species. He wrote: "If you can discover a new 2.4m-long fish after 250 years of exploration, can you imagine what remains to be discovered in that region?" He added: "The discovery...in Amazonia, one of the planet's biodiversity hot spots, is suggestive of the vast amount of species that remain to be discovered in nature."