



# MOLE – Fact Sheet

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- Moles are small burrowing mammal with typically dark, velvety fur. They grow up to 18 cm/7 in long, and have acute senses of hearing, smell, and touch, but poor eyesight. They use short, muscular forelimbs and shovel-like, clawed front feet to burrow for insects, grubs, and worms. Their fur lies without direction so that they can move forwards or backwards in their tunnels without discomfort. Moles are greedy eaters; they cannot live more than a few hours without food.



Contrary to popular belief moles do not eat plant roots.

Because they eat a lot of insect larva they may be beneficial in some cases.



- In Germany moles are protected by law (§44 Federal Nature Conservation Law). It is forbidden to kill them without Host Nation Nature Protection Agency approval. Only „biological weapons“ like odors are allowed to spook moles.
- For more information, please contact USAG Grafenwoehr, DPW, Environmental Division, DSN 475-8222 (CIV 09641-83-8222).