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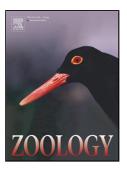
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### **Highlights**

- Some skull characters of *C. australis* undergo significant changes throughout postnatal ontogeny.
- Differences in ontogenetic trajectories between sexes suggest that they may partially be modeled by sexual selection.
- Incisor width and incisor thickness presented strong sexual differences regardless of body size variations.
- Differences in bite forces were associated with the sexual dimorphism in body size itself.

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