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African Butterflyfish

Pantodon buchholzi

The African Butterflyfish is a distinctive freshwater fish known for its broad, wing-like pectoral fins and surface-dwelling lifestyle. Native to slow-moving rivers and swamps of West and Central Afr…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Pantodontidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, swamps, and lakes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-6 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Pantodon buchholzi

Did you know?

- Despite their name, African Butterflyfish are not related to marine butterflyfish; they belong to a unique, ancient lineage of freshwater fish.
- African Butterflyfish can glide short distances above the water by spreading their pectoral fins, helping them escape predators. They have excellent …

What I learned

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