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Amazon Leaf Fish

Monocirrhus polyacanthus

The Amazon Leaf Fish is a remarkable freshwater species native to the slow-moving streams and flooded forests of the Amazon Basin. This fish is famed for its extraordinary camouflage, mimicking a dea...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Polycentridae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and flooded forests

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-8 years

Weight: 10-20 grams

Scientific name: *Monocirrhus polyacanthus*

Did you know?

- Despite their fierce predatory skills, Amazon Leaf Fish are relatively shy and are rarely seen in the wild due to their superb camouflage.
- The Amazon Leaf Fish can change its color slightly to better match its surroundings. It is an ambush predator that can strike at lightning speed, cap...

What I learned
