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# Animal Fact Sheet

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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

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