

Animal Fact Sheet

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Arapaima

Arapaima gigas

The arapaima is one of the world's largest freshwater fish, native to the Amazon Basin in South America. It is renowned for its massive size, streamlined body, and large, bony scales with a reddish t...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Arapaimidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and lakes

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Data Deficient

Lifespan: 15-20 years

Weight: 100–200 kg

Scientific name: *Arapaima gigas*

Did you know?

- Despite living in water, arapaimas can actually drown if they are unable to surface regularly to breathe air.
- Arapaimas can grow up to 3 meters (almost 10 feet) long, making them one of the largest freshwater fish. Their tongue is bony and equipped with teeth...

What I learned
