

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Clown knifefish

*Chitala ornata*

The clown knifefish is a large, elongated freshwater fish native to Southeast Asia, particularly Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. It is easily recognized by its silvery body adorned with distin...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish**Family:** Notopteridae**Habitat:** Slow-moving freshwater rivers, lakes, and swamps**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 10-15 years**Weight:** 5-10 kg**Scientific name:** *Chitala ornata*

### Did you know?

- In some regions, clown knifefish have become invasive species, especially in Florida, USA, where they thrive in warm freshwater habitats outside thei...
- Clown knifefish can swim both forward and backward with ease due to their unique undulating fin. They are capable of breathing air directly, allowing...

### What I learned

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