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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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