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Animal Fact Sheet

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Clown Loach

Chromobotia macracanthus

The clown loach conceals a switchblade under its eye. A sub-orbital spine sits in a groove beneath each eye and can be flicked out defensively; it will catch in a net, and it can draw blood from a ca…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Botiidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and floodplains
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 100-300 g
Scientific name: Chromobotia macracanthus

Did you know?

- Despite their popularity in aquariums, clown loaches rarely breed in captivity and most individuals are wild-caught.
- Clown loaches are enthusiastic snail-eaters and are widely used to clear pest snails out of planted aquariums. They will squeeze into implausibly nar…

What I learned

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