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Animal Fact Sheet

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Denison barb

Sahyadria denisonii

The Denison barb, also known as the red-line torpedo barb or Roseline shark, is a striking freshwater fish native to the fast-flowing streams and rivers of the Western Ghats in southern India. Distin…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Clear, fast-flowing freshwater streams and rivers
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 7–15 grams
Scientific name: Sahyadria denisonii

Did you know?

- The Denison barb was only scientifically described in 1865, but became globally popular in the aquarium trade more than a century later, leading to i…
- Denison barbs can swim in synchronized schools, creating dazzling displays of color in the water. They are sometimes called 'torpedo barbs' due to th…

What I learned

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