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Animal Fact Sheet

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Discus Fish

Symphysodon aequifasciatus

The discus fish is a strikingly colorful and laterally compressed freshwater fish native to the Amazon River Basin of South America. Known for their disc-shaped bodies and vibrant patterns, discus fi…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cichlidae
Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater rivers and floodplain lakes
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 150-250 grams
Scientific name: Symphysodon aequifasciatus

Did you know?

- Discus fish can recognize their owners and often respond to their presence, sometimes even eating from their hands.
- Discus fish communicate using body language and subtle color changes. They are one of the few fish species that provide parental care by feeding thei…

What I learned

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