

# 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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