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Electric Catfish

Malapterurus electricus

The electric catfish is a unique freshwater fish native to tropical Africa, famed for its ability to generate powerful electric shocks of up to 350 volts. These shocks are used both for hunting prey ...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Malapteruridae

Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater rivers and lakes

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 6-15 years

Weight: 1.5–4 kg

Scientific name: *Malapterurus electricus*

Did you know?

- The electric catfish's entire body, except for its head and tail, is lined with specialized electric organs that make up nearly one-third of its mass.
- Electric catfish can emit electric shocks strong enough to stun small prey or deter potential threats. Ancient Egyptians depicted these fish in their...

What I learned
