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Electric eel

Electrophorus electricus

The electric eel is a fascinating freshwater fish native to South America, renowned for its ability to generate powerful electric shocks. Despite its name, it is not a true eel but a knifefish, more ...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Gymnotidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and swamps

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 12-22 years

Weight: 20-22 kg

Scientific name: *Electrophorus electricus*

Did you know?

- Despite their name, electric eels are not true eels but belong to the knifefish family.
- Electric eels can produce shocks of up to 600 volts, enough to incapacitate a human or stun large prey. They breathe air at the water's surface, as t...

What I learned

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