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Animal Fact Sheet

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Flagtail prochilodus

Prochilodus margarita

The flagtail prochilodus is a medium-sized freshwater fish native to the rivers and floodplains of South America, particularly within the Amazon and Orinoco basins. Recognized for its distinctive for…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Prochilodontidae
Habitat: Large rivers, floodplains, and freshwater streams
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 1-2 kg
Scientific name: Prochilodus margarita

Did you know?

- During migration, vast schools of flagtail prochilodus can dramatically alter river environments by stirring up sediments and aiding in nutrient cycl…
- Flagtail prochilodus undertake spectacular upstream migrations, sometimes traveling hundreds of kilometers to spawn. They are known locally as 'curim…

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