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Animal Fact Sheet

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Four-eyed fish

Anableps anableps

Anableps does not have four eyes. It has two, but each one is horizontally divided by a band of tissue into an upper and a lower half, with two pupils, two corneas and two separate parts of the retin…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Anablepidae
Habitat: Brackish estuaries, coastal lagoons, and slow-moving freshwater rivers
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 40-70 grams
Scientific name: Anableps anableps

Did you know?

- Despite their name, four-eyed fish actually have only two eyes—each is uniquely adapted to see both above and below the water at the same time.
- Anableps must periodically dip its head to wet the exposed upper corneas, which would otherwise dry out — the fish blinks by submerging rather than b…

What I learned

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