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Animal Fact Sheet

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Giant river prawn

Macrobrachium rosenbergii

The giant river prawn is one of the largest freshwater prawns in the world, boasting long, blue-tinted claws and a sleek, elongated body. Native to South and Southeast Asia, this species thrives in t…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Palaemonidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and estuaries
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-3 years
Weight: 100-250 grams
Scientific name: Macrobrachium rosenbergii

Did you know?

- Despite their name and freshwater habitat as adults, the larvae of giant river prawns require brackish water to develop properly.
- Male giant river prawns have three distinct morphs, each with unique claw shapes and behaviors. These prawns can migrate between freshwater and brack…

What I learned

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