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Animal Fact Sheet

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Golden dorado

Salminus brasiliensis

The golden dorado is a large, predatory freshwater fish native to central and east-central South America. Renowned for its striking golden-yellow coloration and powerful, muscular body, this species …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Characidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 5–25 kg
Scientific name: Salminus brasiliensis

Did you know?

- Despite their name, golden dorados are not related to the marine mahi-mahi, which is also sometimes called 'dorado.'
- Golden dorados are known for their explosive strikes and the ability to leap several feet out of the water when hooked. They have extremely sharp tee…

What I learned

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