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Animal Fact Sheet

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Grass carp

Ctenopharyngodon idella

The grass carp is a large freshwater fish native to East Asia, recognized for its elongated, torpedo-shaped body and silvery-gray scales. It primarily inhabits slow-moving rivers, lakes, and ponds, a…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, ponds, and reservoirs
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5–11 years (up to 20 years in captivity)
Weight: 10–30 kg (22–66 lbs), occasionally up to 45 kg (99 lbs)
Scientific name: Ctenopharyngodon idella

Did you know?

- Grass carp are one of the largest members of the minnow family (Cyprinidae) and can grow over 1.5 meters (5 feet) long.
- Grass carp can consume up to three times their own body weight in vegetation each day. They have no true stomach, so they must eat almost continuousl…

What I learned

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