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Japanese rice fish

Oryzias latipes

The Japanese rice fish, also known as medaka, is a small freshwater fish native to East Asia, particularly Japan. It is renowned for its adaptability to a wide range of environmental conditions, incl…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Adrianichthyidae
Habitat: Freshwater ponds, rice paddies, and slow-moving streams
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 0.3-0.5 grams
Scientific name: Oryzias latipes

Did you know?

- The Japanese rice fish was one of the first vertebrates to have its entire genome sequenced, making it a model organism in genetics.
- Japanese rice fish have been sent into space for research on development and genetics. They can tolerate low oxygen levels and a broad range of water…

What I learned

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