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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lamprey

Petromyzon marinus

Lampreys are jawless fish - agnathans - and along with hagfish they are the only survivors of a body plan that dominated the seas before jaws evolved. They have no jaws, no paired fins, no bones, and…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Petromyzontidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams, occasionally coastal marine environments
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-8 years
Weight: 0.1–2.5 kg
Scientific name: Petromyzon marinus

Did you know?

- Lampreys are among the few vertebrates that can regenerate spinal cord tissue after injury.
- A single sea lamprey can kill about 18 kg of fish during its 12 to 18 months of parasitic feeding, and at the peak of the Great Lakes invasion only a…

What I learned

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