

Animal Fact Sheet

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Lamprey

Petromyzon marinus

The lamprey is a jawless fish known for its eel-like body and distinctive, circular, sucker-like mouth lined with rows of sharp teeth. Lampreys are ancient vertebrates, having remained relatively unc...

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.
- Lampreys have no true jaws or bones, only cartilage. Their mouths form a suction cup, allowing them to attach to other fish. Some lamprey species are...

What I learned

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