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Animal Fact Sheet

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Longnose Gar

Lepisosteus osseus

Lepisosteus osseus is a living relic, a fish whose lineage goes back over 100 million years and whose armour is genuinely archaic: it is covered in ganoid scales, rigid, interlocking, diamond-shaped …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Lepisosteidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, lakes, and backwaters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 2-7 kg
Scientific name: Lepisosteus osseus

Did you know?

- Longnose Gar can leap out of the water to escape predators or catch prey, using their powerful tails.
- Gars can breathe air well enough to survive in a bucket for hours, and they must surface periodically even in well-oxygenated water. The toxin in gar…

What I learned

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