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Marbled Lungfish

Protopterus aethiopicus

The Marbled Lungfish is a fascinating species of freshwater fish native to Central and East Africa. It is notable for its elongated, eel-like body covered in a marbled pattern of brown and gray, whic…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Protopteridae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, swamps, and floodplains
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 15-20 years
Weight: 7-50 kg
Scientific name: Protopterus aethiopicus

Did you know?

- The Marbled Lungfish can slow its metabolism by up to 60% during aestivation, allowing it to survive long periods without food or water.
- Marbled Lungfish can survive for months without water by breathing air. They are among the closest living relatives to the ancestors of all land vert…

What I learned

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