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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mudskipper

Periophthalmus barbarus

The mudskipper is a fish that spends most of its life out of water and would drown if it could not get out. It breathes through its skin and through the lining of its mouth and throat, all of which m…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Gobiidae
Habitat: Mangrove swamps and tidal mudflats
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 10-25 grams
Scientific name: Periophthalmus barbarus

Did you know?

- Mudskippers can absorb oxygen directly through their moist skin and the lining of their mouth, allowing them to survive out of water for hours at a t…
- A fish that lives mostly on land, breathing through its skin and the lining of its mouth — which it keeps wet by carrying a mouthful of water. It "wa…

What I learned

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