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Animal Fact Sheet

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Mummichog

Fundulus heteroclitus

The mummichog is a small, hardy fish native to the salt marshes and estuarine waters along the Atlantic coast of North America. Recognized for its adaptability, the mummichog thrives in a wide range …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Fundulidae
Habitat: Salt marshes, tidal creeks, estuaries
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 2-15 grams
Scientific name: Fundulus heteroclitus

Did you know?

- Mummichogs were among the first fish sent into space aboard Skylab in the 1970s to study the effects of microgravity on living organisms.
- Mummichogs can survive dramatic changes in salinity and oxygen levels, even thriving in stagnant or polluted waters. They are one of the few fish spe…

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