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Red-bellied pacu

Piaractus brachypomus

The red-bellied pacu is a large, robust freshwater fish native to the rivers and floodplains of South America, particularly within the Amazon and Orinoco basins. It is recognized for its deep, latera...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Serrasalminidae

Habitat: Freshwater rivers and floodplains

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 15-25 years

Weight: 10-30 kg

Scientific name: *Piaractus brachypomus*

Did you know?

- Despite their close relation to piranhas, red-bellied pacus are generally peaceful and pose little danger to humans.
- Red-bellied pacus can crack nuts and seeds with their powerful jaws. Their teeth are remarkably similar in shape to human molars. During the rainy se...

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