

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Redtail catfish

*Phractocephalus hemioliopterus*

The Redtail catfish is a large freshwater fish native to the Amazon, Orinoco, and Essequibo river basins in South America. It is easily recognized by its striking reddish-orange tail and long whisker...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Pimelodidae

**Habitat:** Large rivers, floodplains, and freshwater lakes in South America

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 15-20 years

**Weight:** 15–80 kg

**Scientific name:** *Phractocephalus hemioliopterus*

### Did you know?

- Despite their popularity in home aquariums, Redtail catfish often outgrow most tanks, sometimes leading to their release into non-native waters where...
- Redtail catfish can grow to over 1.5 meters in length and are known for their aggressive feeding behavior. They are sometimes called 'banana catfish'...

### What I learned

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