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Animal Fact Sheet

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Redtail Shark

Epalzeorhynchos bicolor

The Redtail Shark is a striking freshwater fish known for its sleek, jet-black body and vibrant, red tail fin. Despite its common name, it is not a true shark but rather a type of cyprinid, closely r…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyprinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers and streams
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 30-60 grams
Scientific name: Epalzeorhynchos bicolor

Did you know?

- Wild populations of Redtail Sharks are almost extinct due to habitat destruction, but the species is common in aquariums thanks to captive breeding.
- Redtail Sharks are known for their territorial nature, often staking out and defending a particular area in their habitat. Despite their aggressive t…

What I learned

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