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Ripsaw Catfish

Oxydoras niger

The Ripsaw Catfish is a large, armored freshwater fish native to South America, particularly the Amazon and Orinoco river basins. Recognized by the sharp, bony scutes lining its lateral sides—resembl…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Doradidae
Habitat: Large slow-moving rivers and floodplains
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 12-15 years
Weight: 10-20 kg
Scientific name: Oxydoras niger

Did you know?

- The Ripsaw Catfish can produce audible grunting sounds underwater by grinding its pectoral fin bones against its shoulder girdle.
- The Ripsaw Catfish can grow up to 1 meter in length, making it one of the largest armored catfish species. Its bony plates can make handling difficul…

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