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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...

### What I learned

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