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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ropefish

Erpetoichthys calabaricus

The ropefish, also known as the reedfish or snakefish, is a distinctive, elongated freshwater fish native to Central and West Africa. It has a long, cylindrical, eel-like body covered in thick, scale…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Polypteridae
Habitat: Freshwater swamps, slow-moving rivers, and marshes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-15 years
Weight: 200-250 grams
Scientific name: Erpetoichthys calabaricus

Did you know?

- Ropefish do not have pelvic fins, a rare trait among modern fish.
- Ropefish can survive out of water for short periods due to their lung-like swim bladders. They are capable of escaping aquariums if not properly cove…

What I learned

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