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Animal Fact Sheet

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Salamanderfish

Lepidogalaxias salamandroides

The Salamanderfish is a small, slender freshwater fish endemic to southwestern Australia. Noted for its unique ability to bend its body vertically and move its head independently like a salamander, i…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Lepidogalaxiidae
Habitat: Ephemeral freshwater pools and streams
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 2-5 years
Weight: 1-2 grams
Scientific name: Lepidogalaxias salamandroides

Did you know?

- Despite its name and salamander-like movements, the Salamanderfish is not related to amphibians but is a true fish with ancient evolutionary origins.
- The Salamanderfish can survive the dry season by aestivating in moist soil; it is the only known freshwater fish in Australia that can move its head …

What I learned

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