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Animal Fact Sheet

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Turquoise Killifish

Nothobranchius furzeri

The turquoise killifish (Nothobranchius furzeri) is the shortest-lived vertebrate that can be bred in captivity, and it holds that record because of where it lives: ephemeral rain pools on the savann…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Nothobranchiidae
Habitat: Temporary freshwater pools and seasonal ponds
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 3-12 months
Weight: 0.5-2 grams
Scientific name: Nothobranchius furzeri

Did you know?

- Despite their brief lifespan, Turquoise Killifish reach sexual maturity in just two to three weeks after hatching.
- It can reach sexual maturity in about two weeks, faster than any other vertebrate. Its eggs survive in dry mud for years, so a pool can be repopulate…

What I learned

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