

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Vampire tetra

*Hydrolycus scomberoides*

The vampire tetra, also known as the payara, is a striking predatory fish native to the Amazon and Orinoco river basins in South America. It is renowned for its elongated, dagger-like fangs, which ca...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish**Family:** Cynodontidae**Habitat:** Fast-flowing freshwater rivers**Diet:** Carnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 2-4 years**Weight:** 2-5 kg**Scientific name:** *Hydrolycus scomberoides*

### Did you know?

- The vampire tetra's lower fangs can grow so long they extend past its jaw, earning it a reputation as one of the most intimidating freshwater fish in...
- The vampire tetra's fangs are so long they actually fit into special grooves in its upper jaw. This species is sometimes called the 'water wolf' due ...

### What I learned

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