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Animal Fact Sheet

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Weather Loach

Misgurnus anguillicaudatus

The weather loach, also known as the dojo loach, is a slender, eel-like freshwater fish native to East Asia. It is well known for its sensitivity to changes in barometric pressure, often becoming mor…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cobitidae
Habitat: Slow-moving freshwater streams, ponds, and rice paddies with muddy or sandy bottoms
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 7-10 years
Weight: 25-100 grams
Scientific name: Misgurnus anguillicaudatus

Did you know?

- The weather loach can survive for hours out of water by breathing atmospheric air, thanks to its specialized intestine.
- Weather loaches can gulp air from the surface and use their intestines to absorb oxygen, allowing them to survive in low-oxygen waters. They are some…

What I learned

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