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Wels catfish

Silurus glanis

The wels catfish (Silurus glanis) is Europe's largest freshwater fish, reliably reaching 2 metres and well over 100 kilograms, with credible historical records considerably larger. It has no scales, …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Siluridae
Habitat: Large slow-moving rivers, lakes, and reservoirs
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 20–30 years, sometimes longer
Weight: 15–150 kg (33–330 lbs), exceptionally up to 300 kg (660 lbs)
Scientific name: Silurus glanis

Did you know?

- A Wels catfish can produce deep, rumbling sounds using its swim bladder to communicate or startle prey.
- Wels catfish in a French river have learned to lunge onto gravel bars to grab pigeons, then thrash back into the water, a behaviour that appeared onl…

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