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Animal Fact Sheet

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Zebra pleco

Hypancistrus zebra

The Zebra pleco is a small, strikingly patterned freshwater catfish native to the Xingu River in Brazil. Distinguished by its bold black and white stripes, this species is highly sought after in the …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Loricariidae
Habitat: Fast-flowing freshwater rivers
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 15-30 grams
Scientific name: Hypancistrus zebra

Did you know?

- Zebra plecos are endemic to a single stretch of the Xingu River, and their habitat is now severely threatened by the construction of hydroelectric da…
- Zebra plecos are one of the few Loricariidae catfish species that do not eat much algae, preferring a protein-rich diet. Their distinctive striped pa…

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