

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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