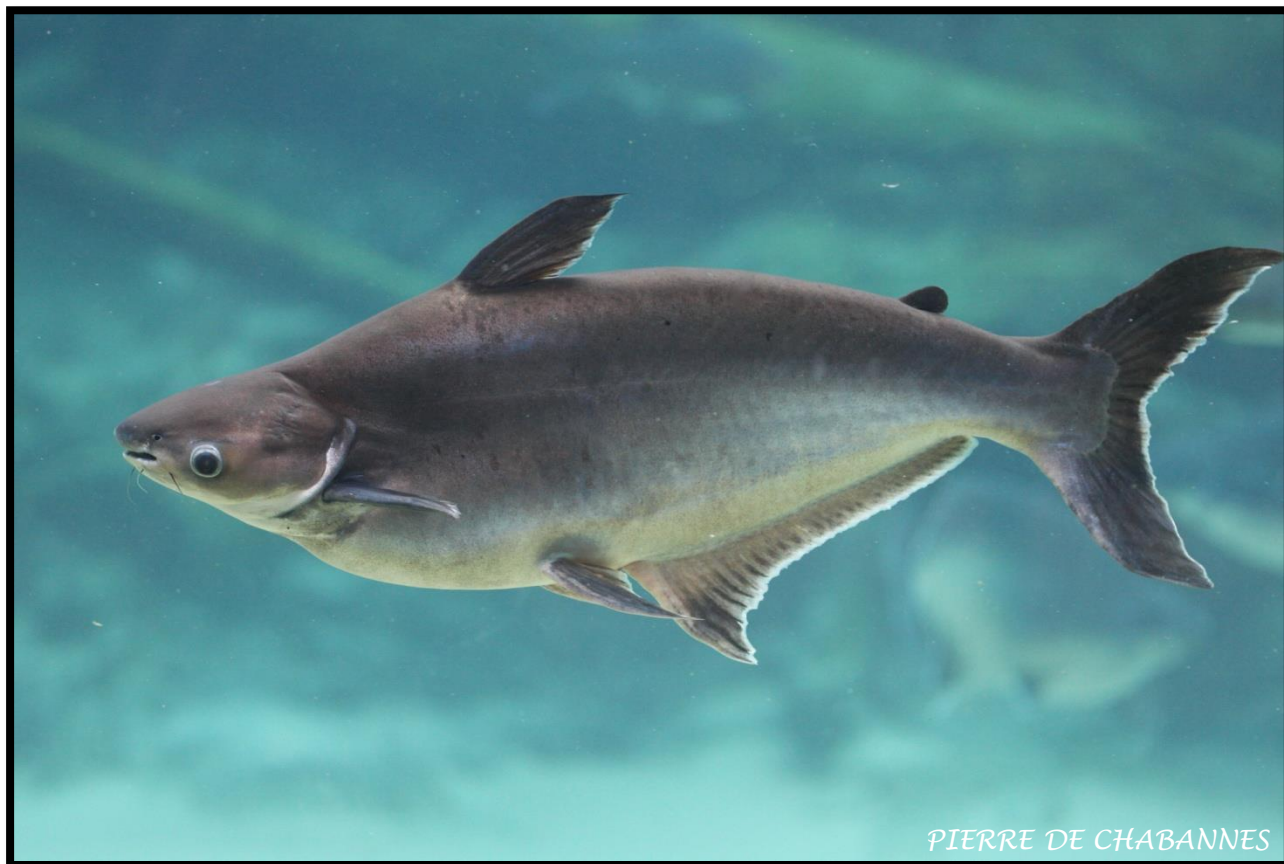


# STRIPED CATFISH

*Pangasianodon hypophthalmus*

Sauvage, 1878



## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Actinopteri

**Order:** Siluriformes

**Family:** Pangasiidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

COMMON



## ENDANGERED

**Identification:** Adults can reach a length of 130 cm for a weight of 44 kg. Eyes placed almost lower than mouth. Adults are silvery grey to dark grey with reddish tinge on belly and anal fins. Juveniles have two large dark bands on flanks.

**Range:** The species occurs in Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia, in the basins of Chao Phraya, Mekong and Maeklong rivers.

**Habitat :** Lives only in large rivers.

**Behavior:** Omnivorous species, feeding on fishes, crustaceans and vegetable debris. Migratory, moving upstream between May and July for spawning.

**Status in the wild:** The species is close to extinction in many parts of its range because of pollution and overfishing of adults. Very important aquaculture species.

**In captivity:** This species is one of the commonest of its family in captivity around the world, mostly kept in Asia but also in a few American collections and around 50 zoos and aquariums in Europe. Bred only in fish farms, rarely kept in private collections.