

AFRICAN UNDERWATER SAFARI

Exhibit Search

The Maritime Aquarium's fun new special exhibit invites you to go on a different kind of African safari: to meet the continent's unusual aquatic species. Bring this Exhibit Search along on your next visit and use it to enhance your experience.

Can hippos swim?

Just like zebras, many of the fish in the exhibit have vertical stripes on their bodies. Why would that be?

Most of the fish that you'll see in the exhibit will be completely new to you. But you'll know that you're "in" Africa by some of their names. Can you find:
 ... the **elephantnose fish**?
 ... the **giraffe catfish**?
 ... the **zebra mbuna**?

Underwater Under Stress

Just as Long Island Sound is stressed by the large population surrounding it, Africa's lakes and rivers are impacted by human actions. Can you find:

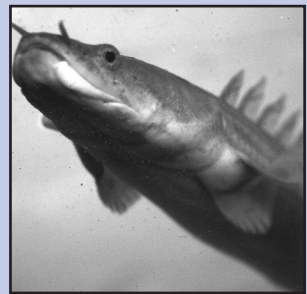
- the effect on the Nile River by the Aswan dam in Egypt?
- what happened to the colorful cichlids (SICK-lids) in Lake Victoria?



All photos: Aquarium staff
 Cichlids come in a great variety of colors. In the exhibit, how many different colors do you see? And can you find why cichlids' numbers are so threatened?

Fin-tastic Adaptations for Survival

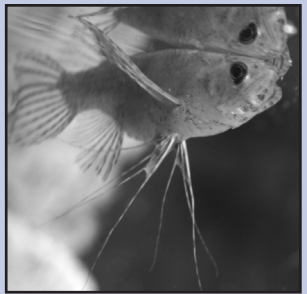
The fins of fish often are shaped very differently, to serve different purposes. Which fish in the exhibit have these special adaptations?



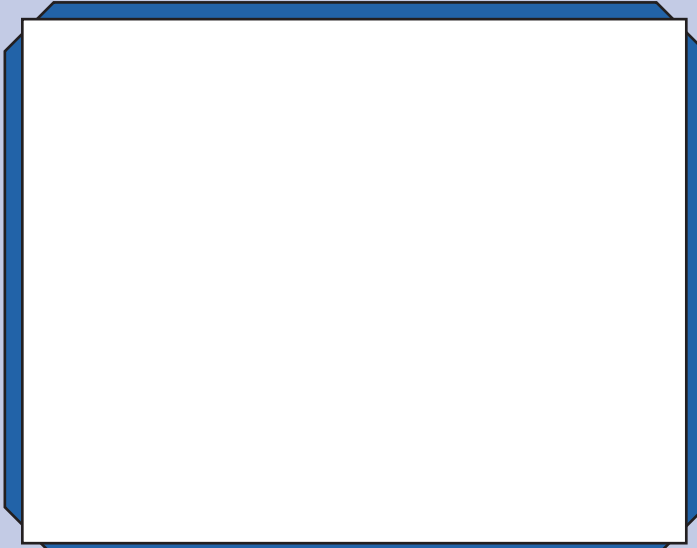
I use my arm-like fins to prop myself up on the river floor.



I propel myself by wavering the long bottom fin that runs the length of my body.



I use my wing-like fins to sometimes "fly" out of water, to catch prey & escape predators.



Which animal is your favorite? Draw it here and color it when you get back home.