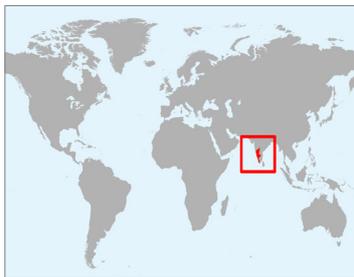




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Amazing Species: Günther's Catfish

Günther's Catfish, *Horabagrus brachysoma*, is listed as Vulnerable on the Red List of Threatened Species™. This species is native to India, in the southern region, where it mainly occurs in freshwater rivers (and occasionally lakes and backwaters), preferring smooth flowing areas with ample vegetation. It has a whole host of other common names including Yellow Catfish, Bulls Eye Catfish, Golden Red Tail Catfish and Sun Catfish.

Considered to be the tastiest of the catfish family, overfishing is the major threat to the Günther's Catfish throughout its range and continued unmanaged fishing from rivers may lead to a collapse of local populations. This species is also a highly desired ornamental fish for the aquarium trade. In addition, lowland areas of all rivers where the species is known to occur are threatened by aquatic pollution, sand mining and reclamation.

Captive breeding, milt cryopreservation (freezing of semen), and seed production technology development are conservation actions already in place. Fishing urgently needs to be regulated by devising management plans for sustainable riverine fisheries, and spawning stock protected by establishing suitable sanctuaries.

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