

Fiercest Fish in the World

Deep in the Amazon rainforest, where rivers meander through lush vegetation, there exists a hidden world, a kingdom where the bustling waters hide dark secrets and creatures that arouse both fascination and fear: the habitat of the fearsome piranhas.

A FISH OF LEGEND

The history of piranhas is as old as the Amazon itself, and has been passed down from generation to generation among the region's indigenous tribes.

It is said that these creatures were created by the water gods as guardians of the rivers, but also as punishment for those who dared to disturb the harmony of nature.



PREDATOR AND PREY

There are many species of piranhas, they grow to 5–14 inches long, All of them have a single row of sharp teeth in both jaws. The most common is the red-bellied ones and they are known for their voracious appetite, especially for fresh meat that enters their domain. But also they become food for Yacare Caiman or scaled armor big fish as Arapaima.



Yacaré
(Caiman yacare)



Gold Piranha
(Pristobrycon aureus)



Blackspot Piranha
(Serrasalmus notatus)



Arapaima
(Arapaima Gigas)

THEY BECAME AGGRESSIVE BECAUSE ...

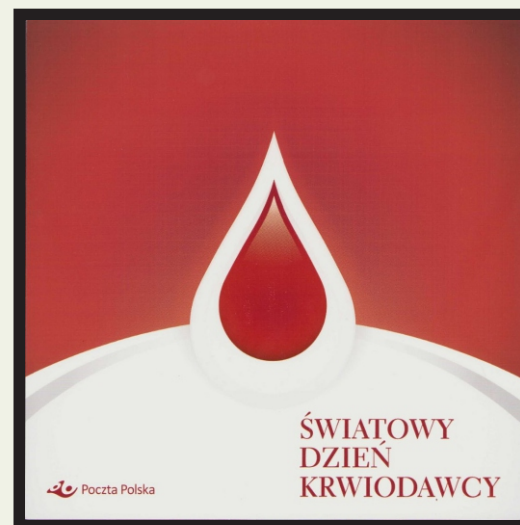
LOVE IS IN THE WATER,
Piranhas takes mating very seriously, they go ferocious against anything that disturb their moment, and also when they are guarding they egg on wet season.



Piranha
(Serrasalmus sp.)

BLOOD IS IN THE WATER

Although their diet consists mainly of smaller fish, insects, crustaceans and carrion, when they detect the slightest trace of blood in the water, they go on an unstoppable feeding frenzy.



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Black-tailed Piranha
(Serrasalmus piraya)

STARVATION IS IN THE WATER

When former US President Theodore Roosevelt visited Brazil in 1913, he went on a hunting expedition through the Amazon.



While standing on the bank of the Amazon River, he witnessed a spectacle created by local fishermen.

After blocking off part of the river and starving the piranhas for several days, they pushed a cow into the



Red-bellied Piranha
(Pygocentrus nattereri)

water, where it was quickly skeletonized by a school of hungry piranhas. Roosevelt later described piranhas as vicious creatures in his 1914 book "Through the Brazilian Wilderness".



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