



Amazon
Flooded Forest's
**Famous
Five**

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River Safari

River Safari is Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park. It is home to over 200 species of animals that live in and around freshwater ecosystems, 40 of which are threatened in the wild.

At River Safari, we invite you to explore iconic rivers like the Mississippi, Mekong, Yangtze and Amazon. Visit the giant pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, and come face-to-face with huge manatees in the world's biggest freshwater aquarium at the Amazon Flooded Forest.

Get ready for an exciting adventure at River Safari!

Amazon Flooded Forest

For six months every year, seasonal rains sweep across the South American rainforest, resulting in an enormous rise in the water level of the Amazon basin.

The water overflows, flooding the land, and submerging the forest by over 10 metres. A water wonderland is created and it attracts many aquatic animals from the Amazon River to visit, feed, play and breed.

The Amazon Flooded Forest's Famous Five are some of the animals that visit the water wonderland.



Giant River Otter

We are the largest of all otters. We work together to hunt, look after our babies and protect one another.



ACTIVITY 1

There are very few of us left in the wild because (tick the right answers):

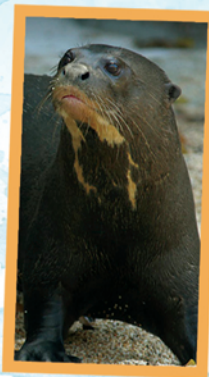
- ☐ we are hunted for our soft fur.
- ☐ the Amazon River floods our homes.
- ☐ the Amazon River is being polluted by very harmful chemicals.

ACTIVITY 2

We have unique throat patches. Look at our pictures. Can you tell us apart?



Carmen

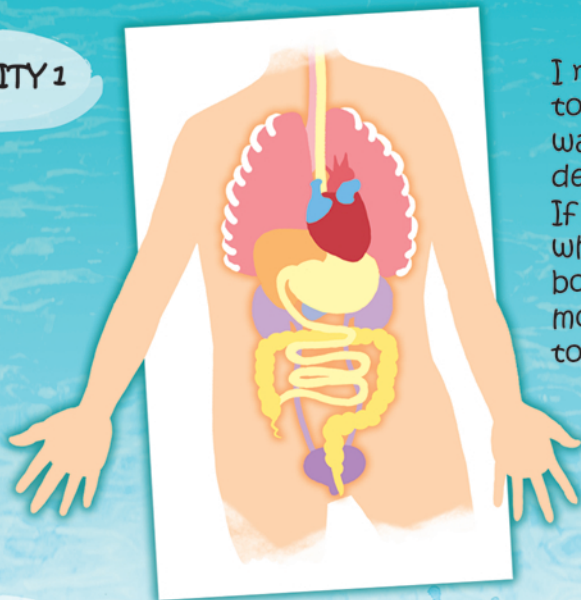


Carlos

Electric Eel

Are you shocked to know that I can produce 600 volts of electricity? That's enough to knock a horse off its feet!

ACTIVITY 1



I release electricity to navigate in murky water, stun prey and deter predators. If I were to stun you, which organ in your body will be affected most? Draw an arrow to point to it.

ACTIVITY 2

Electric eels can be massive! Measure the model on the wall to find out the length of the largest electric eel ever caught. Hint: Use the edge of this booklet to estimate.

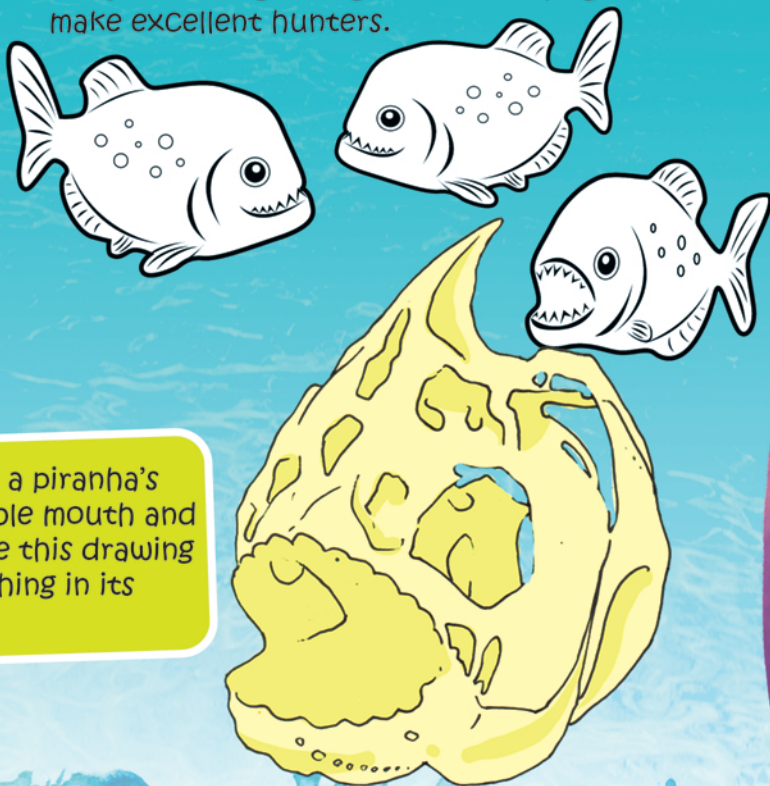


21cm



Red-bellied Piranha

Our blood-thirsty reputation precedes us, I'm sure. With teeth sharper than those of a shark and jaws strong enough to sever a finger, we make excellent hunters.



ACTIVITY 1

Examine a piranha's formidable mouth and complete this drawing by sketching in its teeth.

ACTIVITY 2

In the wild, we have a varied diet and will only attack larger prey when starving. Write down three favourite food of yours below and compare them to our favourites.

Your favourite food:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

A piranha family's favourite food:

- Dead or dying fish
- Insects
- Crustaceans
- Aquatic plants
- Birds and some mammals



Arapaima



I am the largest freshwater fish in South America.

At Amazon Flooded Forest, I live with the manatees in the gigantic tank.

ACTIVITY 1

Observe us in our tank for a while. At which water level do we spend most time?

☐ Top level



☐ Mid level

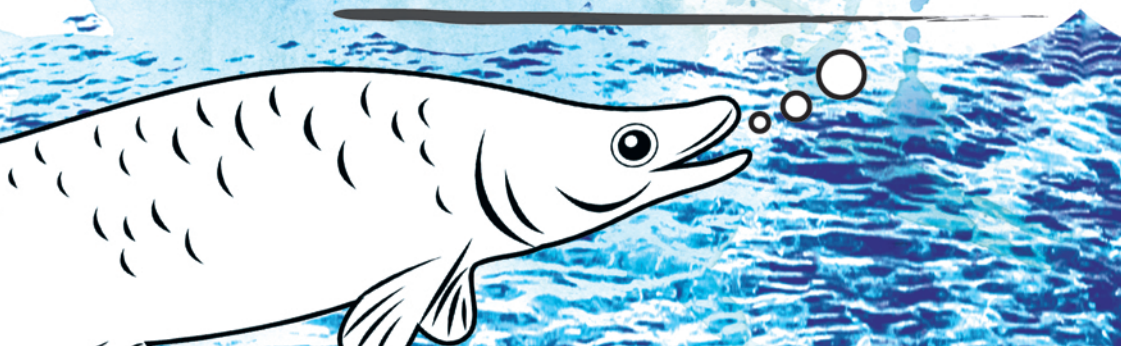


☐ Bottom level



ACTIVITY 2

Even though we are fish, we need to gulp air from the surface to breathe. This makes us vulnerable to one of our very few predators who hunt us with nets and spears. Can you guess who they are?



Manatee

We are also known as “sea cows” because we live in water and eat lots of plants.

ACTIVITY 1

We manatees look very similar to our cousins, the dugongs, which can be found in Singapore waters. One way to tell us apart is by the shape of our tails. Study my tail carefully and complete my portrait below.



Observe: How do we move our tails when we swim?

- ☐ Up and down like a dolphin
- ☐ Side to side like a fish

ACTIVITY 2

Which mythical sea creature did sailors in the past mistake us for?

ACTIVITY 3

We are mammals and we feed our young milk! Find out where our mammary glands are located and circle the body part in the picture on the right. Hint: Read the signs on the way to the upper level of Amazon Flooded Forest.



Many animals are endangered because their homes are being polluted. Let's help the Famous Five and other aquatic animals keep their homes clean by not dumping rubbish into waterways.

Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group

