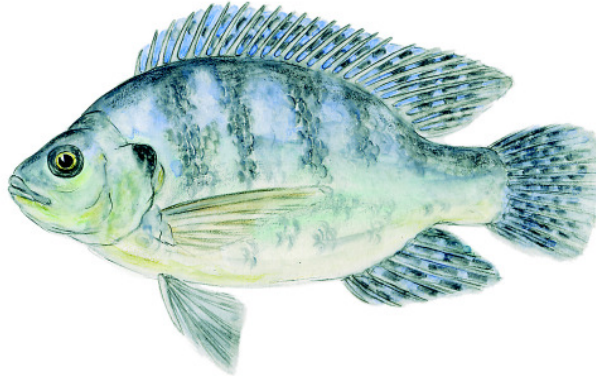


# Tilapia

(farmed)



## Biology facts

<b>Depth Range</b>	freshwater, benthopelagic
<b>Max Age</b>	9 years
<b>Maturity Age</b>	1-2 years
<b>Max Size</b>	60 cm
<b>Max Weight</b>	4.3 kg
<b>Prey</b>	phytoplankton or benthic algae

## Fishery Facts

<b>Latin Name</b>	<i>Oreochromis niloticus</i>
<b>Fishing Method</b>	cage culture in rivers, irrigation channels or lake and pond-based culture
<b>Annual catch</b>	1 988 726 t (FAO 2006)
<b>Main fishing nations</b>	China, Egypt, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Taiwan

## Main Concerns

- **Non-native invasive fish species are widely considered to be a leading cause of species endangerment and extinction in freshwater systems. Tilapias clearly demonstrate the characteristics shared by many other successful invasive species. They have become feral in every nation where they have been cultured or introduced, including in natural environments and artificial**

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environments such as reservoirs. In some countries, negative impacts of tilapia on native biodiversity have been reported.

- There are some cases of parasite transfer (Mexico and Nicaragua) caution is warranted regarding transmission of diseases and parasites to wild fish despite the lack of species data.

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