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### **Not your typical tiger**

Among insects from butterflies to beetles, fish and flora and fauna, some have taken on the name “tiger” because of their appearance or ferocious personalities. And a number can be found right here.



### **African Tigerfish (*Hydrocynus vittatus*)**

Its scientific name means “striped water dog”. Named for the horizontal unbroken black bands that run along its body. It thrives in well-aerated fresh water at 22 deg C to 28 deg C  
The world’s most sought-after gamefish, it can grow up to 105cm long. It is swift, voracious and carnivorous, with dagger-like teeth that protrude when mouth is closed  
Currently on show, along with the Asian Tigerfish, at Underwater World Singapore at Sentosa till March 14. This is to mark the Year of the Tiger and the United Nations’ International Year of Biodiversity 2010