



Bamboo Shrimp

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A team of researchers rediscovered Indian populations of the bamboo shrimp in Karnataka and Odisha after 72 years.?

About Bamboo Shrimp

It is a medium-sized freshwater shrimp native to Southeast Asia.

Common names: Wood Shrimp, Flower Shrimp, Singapore Wood, Marble Shrimp and Asian Fan Shrimp.

Characteristics

1The color of their body changes according to their mood. It becomes brighter when they are happy, while it fades when they are in a bad mood.

2It is an amphidromous species i.e the larvae develop in brackish water before returning to freshwater.

3They are primarily nocturnal, spending daylight hours sheltering under rocks or driftwood.

4They are adapted to live in fast-moving streams and rivers, using their strong legs to cling to rocks and other surfaces.

Distribution: These shrimps are found in various countries of Southeast Asia. Their distribution range includes Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.

Habitat: It is a social invertebrate commonly found in fast-flowing streams and rivers.

Diet: This omnivorous filter feeder shrimp species feeds on water algae and microscopic organisms.

Adaptation: It is distinctive within their genus due to their specialised feeding technique.

These shrimp are filter feeders, using fan-like structures on their limbs to filter out particles of edible material from flowing water