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Fauna fact sheet

Mary River Cod

Scientific Name: Maccullochella peelii mariensis

Common Name: Mary River Cod

Status: EPBC Act (1999): Endangered

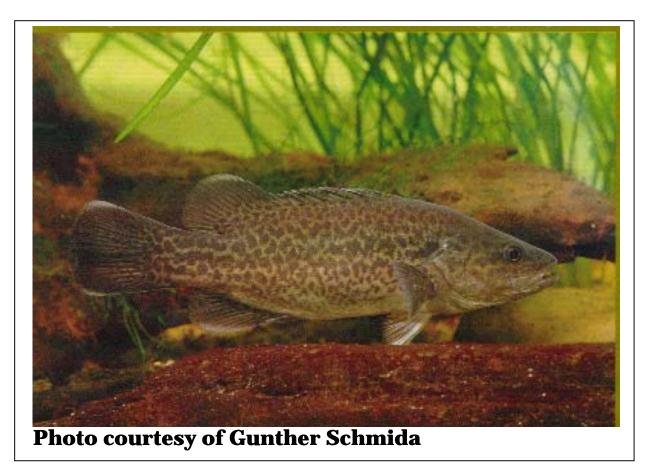
Distribution: Mary River.

Habitat: Slow flowing freshwater streams in lowland areas and rocky upland streams. Favours deep pools, overhanging vegetation, boulders, logs and undercut banks.

Description: Large, elongated fish, slightly concave head profile with protruding lower jaw. Goldenyellow to green or dark brown with black to dark green mottling. Has been recorded at 23.5kg but usually less than 10kg.

Habits: Ambush predator. Lays eggs on wood surfaces, preferably hollow logs.

Comments: Critically endangered fish. Declines in population due to loss of riparain vegetation and de-snagging of waterways.



This fact sheet prepared by the Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee