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OCELLATE RIVER STINGRAY

SHARK FACTS

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(*Potamotrygon motoro*)

- ▶ The ocellate river stingray is histotrophic viviparous, i.e., females secrete a uterine milk (histotroph) to nourish their babies. Litter size varies by region, but usually the species have from 2 to 4 pups per litter
- ▶ Diet consists of insects (especially mayflies and other flies), crustaceans, and small fishes
- ▶ The major threats to the species possibly derive from ornamental trade and habitat degradation

HOW BIG?

The ocellate river stingray is a small stingray with maximum disc width 48 cm (Disc width at birth approximately 10cm)

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WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

The Ocellate River Stingray is a freshwater stingray distributed along South America, occurring in many river systems including the Parana-Paraguay, Amazon, and Orinoco rivers

