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Scientific Name: -*Petromyzon marinus*

Family: Petromyzontidae

Common Name: Sea Lampreys

Physical Characteristics:

Lampreys have a long, cylindrical body with smooth, scaleless skin. They typically range in colour from dark brown to olive-green on the dorsal side and lighter on the ventral side. Their



mouths are circular and surrounded by a ring of rasping teeth, which they use to attach to the flesh of other fish and feed on their blood and bodily fluids.

Geographical Distribution:

They are found worldwide in freshwater and marine environments, though they are more commonly associated with freshwater habitats. Their distribution includes Lampreys that inhabit waters in North America, Europe, Asia, and parts of Africa.

Economic Importance:

They play crucial ecological roles in freshwater ecosystems and hold cultural significance in certain regions. Conservation efforts are essential to ensure the continued presence and environmental health of these species in aquatic environments.