



Ictalurus punctatus

Channel catfish

General

1. Found in rivers, reservoirs, streams, backwaters, swamps, oxbow lakes, upper sections of estuaries
2. Warm water average 21.1⁰C, salinities as high as 19-21 ppt

Distribution

1. Native: Great Lakes, Mississippi River basin, Atlantic and Gulf slopes
2. Introduced: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawai'i, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming



Invasion Pathway

1. Intentionally stocked for sport fishing and food

Sources

1. <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/gallery/descript/channelcatfish/channelcatfish.html>
2. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?speciesID=2341>