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North America has the most diverse temperate freshwater fish fauna in the world. Only about 5 percent of these are the familiar sport or game fishes like trout and bass. The remaining 95 percent are little known, but colorful, nongame (not sport fish) fishes such as darters, minnows, shiners, and dace.

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Many case studies from freshwater systems throughout the United States are profiled and they include the implementation of multispecies assessments, conservation area prioritizations, partnership-based conservation planning, and watershed-scale conservation delivery. Freshwater systems in the United States continue to suffer substantial alterations that threaten freshwater fish diversity, habitat quality, and watershed function.

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Amongst the most threatened groups of freshwater species are fish. Of some 15,000 species of freshwater fish approximately one in three are threatened with extinction. Without conservation action it is clear that many of these species will be lost from our planet forever.

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There is a strong tradition in the zoo and aquarium community of supporting IUCN initiatives in the conservation of freshwater fishes. The FFSG is a voluntary organization hosted and funded by Chester Zoo.

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Despite this rich biodiversity, freshwater inhabitants are generally not a conservation priority. Freshwater fishes currently make up nearly one quarter of all ASAP species. There are at least 48 species of freshwater fish in Southeast Asia that are considered to be just one step away from extinction in the wild. A large proportion of these are endemic, and/or restricted-range species.

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The group was established in 2004 and is a joint partnership between the IUCN Species Survival Commission and Wetlands International. Chaired by Dr. Richard Snieder, the FFSG are a diverse group of experts, spread over 17 regions around the world, with a solid record in ichthyology (the study of fish) and the conservation of freshwater fishes.

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Effective conservation of freshwater fish can maintain and improve the functioning of whole freshwater ecosystems – reaping benefits for other species, habitats and people. Shoal seeks to engage a diverse community from across the profit and non-profit sectors to be part of this innovative new partnership that will change the face of freshwater fish conservation.

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The Freshwater Health Index, a tool developed by Conservation International, provides a process for measuring the overall condition of freshwater ecosystems — and their capacity to support healthy, economically sustainable human populations.

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Fish Management Areas. A fish management area is a pond, lake or other body of water established for the management of freshwater fish as a cooperative effort with the local county. The Fish Orlando program is a prime example of quality fishing being provided in an urban setting.

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Conservation of freshwater fish 269 The optimum, and possibly the only really adequate, solution to the global problem of fish conservation is a series of international centres for promoting research on freshwater fish conservation – one within each continent.

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The United States' oldest operating federal fish hatchery turns 130! Established in 1888 in southwest Missouri, Neosho is the oldest operating federal fish hatchery in the United States. The hatchery has played a major role in the restoration efforts of endangered aquatic species such as paddlefish, lake sturgeon, Topeka shiners and pallid sturgeon, as well as conservation of the Ozark cavefish.

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Innovative, strategic, and science-based conservation strategies are needed to restore and sustain North America's freshwater resources and native fish diversity, while simultaneously supporting human needs (e.g., flood control, municipal and agricultural water supply, water quality protection, water-based recreation).

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The topic of fish conservation is of great interest to a wide range of scientists. This exciting new book draws together contributions from scientists from all over the globe providing a unique compilation of material looking at fish conservation issues from a wide range of standpoints.

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Conservation of Freshwater Fishes includes the first global assessment of the number, type and distribution of threatened freshwater fish species, discussing the features of freshwater fish biology and ecology that render so many species vulnerable to extinction. Introductory chapters on why freshwater fish are so sensitive to environmental change and disturbance lead into chapters providing detailed reviews of the key threatening processes and potential solutions.

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