

The Big, Bad, & Ugly Asian Carp Toronto Zoo Exhibit

Did You Know?

- ★ This is the first Asian carp exhibit in Canada.
- ★ Transporting the carps had to be done in warm weather. If the carps were exposed to cold winter temperatures during their transportation to the Toronto Zoo, they faced a risk of freezing.
- ★ It is illegal to possess and transport Asian carps! The Toronto Zoo had special permits to possess and transport Asian carps since it is a research institute intending to use the species for educational purposes. Canadian federal and provincial permits, as well as U.S. State and U.S. federal permits were granted for this exhibit.
- ★ Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Invasive Species Centre and the Toronto Zoo worked together to ensure extensive water filtration systems to safeguard Toronto and Canada's waterways.
- ★ The tank housing the Asian carps holds 58,800 litres!
- ★ The Asian carps will be housed in the Indo Malaya Pavilion to showcase their native regions and will be sharing their space with:
 - Giant gourami
 - Sun catfish
 - Mekong barb
 - Tri-coloured shark
 - Tinfoil barb
 - Goldfin tinfoil barb
 - Clown loach

The Asian Carp Toronto Zoo Exhibit aims to increase public awareness while providing personal prevention messaging, improved identification of the species, and improve overall public understanding of the impacts of the fishes.