美丽硬骨舌鱼（亚洲龙鱼）

来自远古的骨舌鱼类

美丽硬骨舌鱼属于骨舌鱼目骨舌鱼科，主要分布于东南亚热带淡水河流、湖泊和沼泽环境中。其身体修长，覆盖大型鳞片，鳞片表面具有明显光泽；口部上翘，具有一对须，能够捕食鱼类和昆虫等。骨舌鱼类是一支古老的辐鳍鱼类，在中生代已经出现，并保留了一些早期硬骨鱼类的形态特征。现生骨舌鱼类为认识早期分化真骨鱼类的形态与生态特征提供了重要的比较材料。

Scleropages formosus（Asian Arowana）

An Ancient Lineage of Bony-Tongue Fishes

The Asian arowana belongs to the order Osteoglossiformes and the family Osteoglossidae. It inhabits tropical freshwater environments in Southeast Asia, including rivers, lakes, and swamps. Its elongate body is covered with large, lustrous scales. The mouth is upturned, and a pair of barbels is present at the tip of the lower jaw. It feeds on fishes, insects and other small animals. Bony-tongue fishes represent an ancient lineage of ray-finned fishes that first appeared during the Mesozoic and retain several morphological features of early bony fishes. Living bony-tongue fishes provide important comparative material for understanding the morphology and ecology of early-diverging teleost lineages.