

Torrentfish/panoko

Cheimarrichthys fosteri

Native

At risk

Torrentfish typically inhabit the rapids and cascades of faster flowing streams; however, they are also found in the slower moving, mainstem of both the Waikato and Waipā Rivers. It is unlikely this species of fish will be confused with anything else as their streamlined body shape is distinctive. The spawning period for torrentfish is uncertain but studies suggest this is probably between January to late May. Larvae are thought to wash downstream to sea and then make their way back up in spring and summer as juveniles (16 to 20 millimetres). Torrentfish commonly grow to 150 millimetres and females will travel further inland than males.



Photo: Josh Smith



Torrentfish distribution in the Waikato



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