

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

*Paragalaxias dissimilis* Shannon Galaxias

**Group:** Chordata (vertebrates), Actinopterygii (bony fish), Salmoniformes (salmonids), Galaxiidae

**Status:** *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*: vulnerable  
*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*: Vulnerable

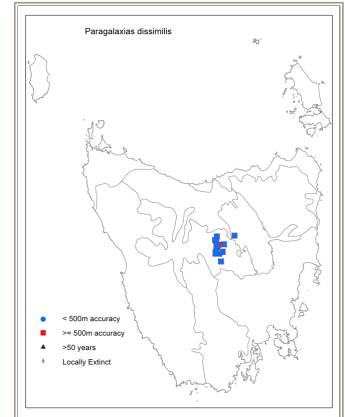
**Endemic Status:** Endemic in Tasmania and restricted



The Shannon paragalaxias is a Tasmanian endemic freshwater fish. It is a small fish reaching about 75mm in length and varies in colour from almost black to greeny-brown on the back with vague bands and spots down the sides. It has a lighter coloured underside. It occurs only in Great Lake, Shannon Lagoon and Penstock Lagoon on the Central Plateau. It occurs around the rocky margins of Great Lake and in beds of vegetation in Penstock Lagoon. The species eats insect larvae and other small animals.

Threats are from habitat quality issues from water level fluctuations and the possibility of hybridisation with other galaxids introduced through interconnected waterways both caused by hydro-electricity production. Predation from exotic fish species is also a significant threat.

A complete species management profile is not currently available for this species. Check for further information on this page and any relevant Activity Advice.



### Key Points

- **Important:** Is this species in your area? Do you need a permit? Ensure you've covered all the issues by checking the Planning Ahead page.
- **Important:** Different threatened species may have different requirements. For any activity you are considering, read the Activity Advice pages for background information and important advice about managing around the needs of multiple threatened species.

### Further information

Check also for listing statement or notesheet pdf above (below the species image).

### Recovery Plan

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**Permit:** A permit is required under the Tasmanian *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* to 'take' (which includes kill, injure, catch, damage, destroy and collect), keep, trade in or process any specimen or products of a listed species. Additional permits may also be required under other Acts or regulations to take, disturb or interfere with any form of wildlife or its products, (e.g. dens, nests, bones). This may also depend on the tenure of the land and other agreements relating to its management.