

# Voices in the water

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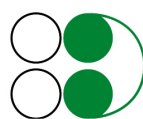
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**Duration:** 13'

**Versions:** 

**Format:** HD

Not all fish are mute! There are some who have learned to compress their swimbladders in order to emit real sounds. This is the case with the Patogobius martensis, better known as the fresh water goby. This tiny, insignificant fish uses sound in at least two instances. When another male invades its territory, the goby grows dark in the face and launches a series of "Howls" that are often enough to chase away the intruder without any further combat. A gentler "howl" is used to court the pregnant female. The male continually launches its love call until the female agrees to enter the nest the male has prepared and lay its eggs. From that moment all parental care is performed by the male who, mute and mimicking the female, fans and cleans the eggs until they hatch.



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