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| [**Conservation status**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conservation_status) | |
| https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/5a/Status_iucn3.1_LC.svg/220px-Status_iucn3.1_LC.svg.png [Least Concern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least_Concern) ([IUCN 3.1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IUCN_Red_List))[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fahaka_pufferfish#cite_note-IUCN-1) | |
| [**Scientific classification**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_(biology))**[edit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Taxonomy/Tetraodon)** | |
| Kingdom: | [Animalia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal) |
| Phylum: | [Chordata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chordate) |
| Class: | [Actinopterygii](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Actinopterygii) |
| Order: | [Tetraodontiformes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetraodontiformes) |
| Family: | [Tetraodontidae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetraodontidae) |
| Genus: | [*Tetraodon*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetraodon) |
| Species: | ***T. lineatus*** |

**FAHAKA PUFFE**

The **fahaka pufferfish** (from Arabic: فهقة), also known as the **Nile puffer**, **globe fish**, **lineatus**

**puffer** (*Tetraodon lineatus*), is a tropical [freshwater](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freshwater) [pufferfish](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pufferfish) found in the upper [Nile](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nile), [Chad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Chad), [Senegal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senegal_River), [Gambia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gambia_River), [Geba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geba_River), [Volta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volta_River) and [Turkana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Turkana) basins in [West](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Africa), [Northeast](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_Africa) and [East Africa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Africa)

Fahaka pufferfish can reach up to 43 cm (1.4 ft) in length.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fahaka_pufferfish#cite_note-fishbase-2) Like all puffers they have the ability to inflate when threatened and carry the toxin [tetrodotoxin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tetrodotoxin" \o "Tetrodotoxin). Fahaka pufferfish, like other [molluscivores](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Molluscivore" \o "Molluscivore), feed mainly on [benthic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benthic) organisms which may include freshwater [mussels](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mussels) and [snails](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snail).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fahaka_pufferfish#cite_note-fishbase-2) They are typically found in large rivers, open water, weed beds and vegetated fringes.[[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fahaka_pufferfish#cite_note-fishbase-2)