

Brown Trout

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Brown Trout Latest News

The Kashmir fisheries department plans to reintroduce the Brown trout back into the Valley for game.

About Brown Trout

- The brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) is a species of **salmonid ray-finned fish** and the most widely distributed species of the genus *Salmo*.
- It has been widely **introduced globally as a game fish**.
- It is one of the world's worst invasive species outside of its native range.
- It is a cold-water fish that prefers cool and **well-oxygenated water**.
- **Appearance:** It usually grows to between 15 and 22 inches in length and between 1 and 5 pounds, the trout is **considered a popular game fish**.
- **Breeding Season:** October/November is the breeding season for this fish.
- It is best suited to freshwaters; this fish spends much of its time in crevices between boulders in streams.

- **Distribution:** The native range extends from **northern Norway** and White Sea tributaries in Russia in the Arctic Ocean to the **Atlas Mountains in North Africa**.
- The western limit of their native range is Iceland in the north Atlantic, while the eastern limit is in Aral Sea tributaries in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- In India, the British first introduced the brown trout in the Valley's streams in 1900.
- **Conservation Status:** Least Concern (IUCN Red List)

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