

A red eye can be spotted

But it's not the red-eye species

It is the shoal bass

Marked by tiger-like stripes on its sides

and a creamy belly and black-spotted olive-green fins

Spotted in fast-moving, shallow waters

It reserves its name for its love for worms

Where it can easily feed on crustaceans and other insects

And lay, lay eggs for future generations

But unfortunately the population is dwindling

Since its habitat has been destroyed by encroachment and over-fishing

Hurricane Michael devastated the shoal bass population

We cannot risk losing such an amazing species

Which is why we must do our part to ensure its survival

By checking down the effects of global warming