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How Do Catfish Reproduce?

Short Answer Key

1. Catfish become active for mating in the spring or summer when the water is warm.
2. The male catfish protects the eggs by guarding the nest and fanning the eggs with his fins to provide oxygen.
3. Catfish lay many eggs because most of the fry won't survive, so more eggs increase the chances of some surviving to adulthood.
4. The female catfish lays her eggs in a safe spot, like a hole, a hollow log, or under rocks.
5. After they hatch, the baby catfish, called fry, are left to fend for themselves.