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The Catfish's Role in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Catfish help keep water clean by eating dead plants, animals, and leftover food that sinks to the bottom.
2. One predator of catfish is herons.
3. By stirring up sediment, catfish release nutrients that plants and algae need to grow.
4. Catfish are both predators and prey, making them an important link in the food chain.
5. Controlling insect populations helps prevent overpopulation, which can harm plants and other aquatic animals.

