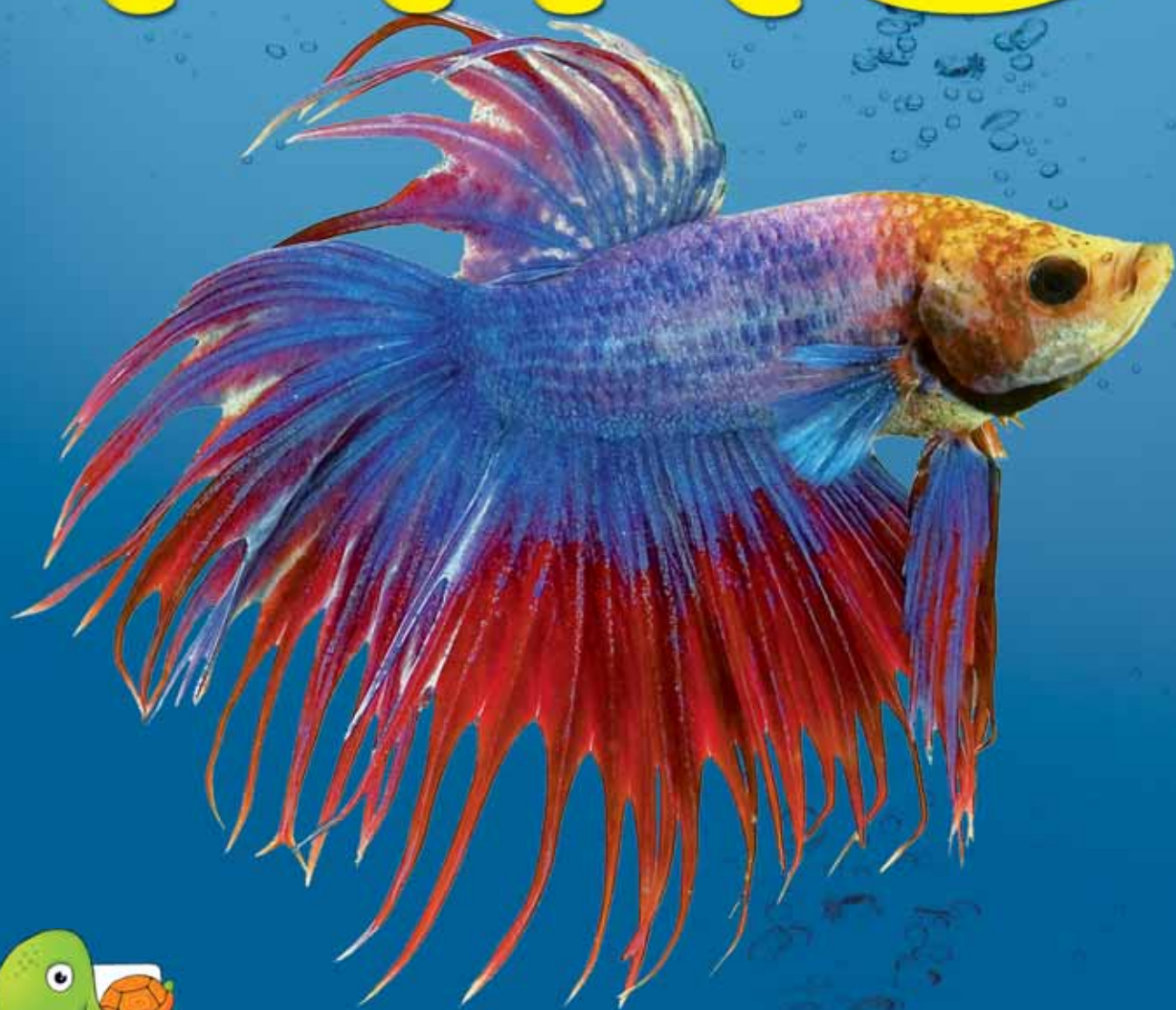


DESIGNED TO SURVIVE

# ALL ABOUT FINS



## **A note by Dr R K Pachauri**

The animal kingdom is replete with fascinating examples of a wide variety of species and the care with which nature has 'designed' each of these creatures. Animals, birds, and fish are equipped with unique tools necessary for their survival, right from unique tails, teeth, fins or claws to beaks or trunks.

This series focuses on animals and the amazing adaptation that nature has equipped them with to suit their habits and habitats. Some have tails that help animals move, while others possess tails that can kill; skin could serve as camouflage in a particular species but be used to breathe in others. The examples are as innumerable as they are remarkable.

As the human race moves towards industrialization and urbanization, we have been cutting down trees, polluting water bodies and contaminating the air, thus endangering the lives of many creatures of the wild. While learning about these wondrous creatures, I hope that our young readers will be inspired to protect the beautiful world brought alive on these pages and keep these fascinating species alive for generations to come.



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