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Giant Fish Killer

INTERESTING FACTS

These bugs belong to the family Belostomatidae meaning 'water bugs'.

This bug is most commonly found in tropical regions.

They have been known to reach sizes of up to 110mm long!!

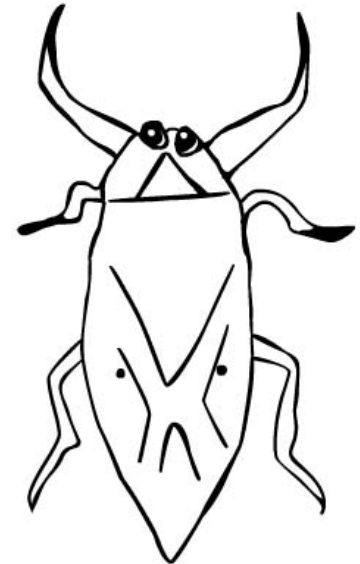
Their middle & hind legs are designed for swimming, being flattened and fringed with hairs.

Lethocerus distinctifemur



Find a ruler and measure how long 110mm is, write down the measurement in centimetres below.

Colour in the picture & add some finer details e.g. hair



These bugs are a voracious predator and have a varied diet. Research 5 things these bugs eat in their diet.

*** MORE INTERESTING FACTS ***

When these Belostomatid bugs catch their prey they inject toxins into them causing their prey to paralyze so they can eat them without too much of a struggle!! It is known that if a human is bitten by one of these bugs it causes painful reactions to the area bitten, *nasty!!*

Another species of the Giant water bugs - *Lethocerus indicus* have been eaten by the Cantonese and Laotian people after they have been boiled in salt water.

Find out which countries speak the Cantonese & Laotian languages and write one country for each language below:
