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Clinical History: Several Loricarids (suckermouth catfish, common pleco) captured in the Boita River in the amazon basin of Colombia had a history of confinement in 150 liters plastic tanks with fresh water (water column of 20 cm). The subject presented is 1 of 400 fishes. Similar gross lesions were present in approximately 20% of animals. Additional clinical history included decrease in food consumption.

Necropsy Findings:

Multifocal and focally-extensive areas of skin erosion with a cotton-like consistency attached to the skin of the fins, head and several areas of the body.

Follow-up questions: Please provide morphologic and differential diagnoses as well as the most likely etiology.
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