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Banggai cardinalfish

Pterapogon kauderni

The Banggai cardinalfish is a small, striking marine fish known for its bold black vertical stripes, silver body, and elongated fins. Endemic to the Banggai Archipelago in Indonesia, this species inh…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Apogonidae
Habitat: Shallow coral reefs and seagrass beds
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Endangered
Lifespan: 2-5 years
Weight: 5-7 grams
Scientific name: Pterapogon kauderni

Did you know?

- Unlike many reef fish, Banggai cardinalfish lack a larval dispersal stage, making their populations highly localized and vulnerable to habitat change…
- Banggai cardinalfish are one of the few marine fish species that exhibit paternal mouthbrooding, where the male carries fertilized eggs in his mouth.…

What I learned

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