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Animal Fact Sheet

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Bicolor goatfish

Parupeneus barberinus

The bicolor goatfish is a vibrant reef fish known for its distinctive coloration and whisker-like barbels. Its body typically displays a striking contrast between a white or pale front half and a yel…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Mullidae
Habitat: Coral reefs and lagoon sand flats
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-8 years
Weight: 200-400 grams
Scientific name: Parupeneus barberinus

Did you know?

- Despite their bright coloring, bicolor goatfish can become nearly invisible to predators by adjusting their coloration to match the reef background.
- Bicolor goatfish can rapidly change color to blend in with their environment. They often forage in small groups, stirring up the sand to uncover hidd…

What I learned

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