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Animal Fact Sheet

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Blue Parrotfish

Scarus coeruleus

A parrotfish's beak is not a beak: it is a mass of teeth fused into a cutting plate, and behind it, in the throat, sits a second set of pharyngeal teeth that works like a mill. The blue parrotfish sc…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Scaridae
Habitat: Coral reefs and seagrass beds in shallow tropical and subtropical waters
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 9-20 kg
Scientific name: Scarus coeruleus

Did you know?

- A significant portion of the white sandy beaches in the Caribbean is made up of parrotfish-generated sand produced from their digestion of coral.
- Parrotfish mostly eat algae, not living coral, and their grazing is what stops seaweed from smothering a reef — which is why reefs where parrotfish a…

What I learned

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