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Animal Fact Sheet

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Butterflyfish

Chaetodon auriga

Butterflyfish are brightly colored, small to medium-sized marine fish known for their striking patterns and laterally compressed bodies. They inhabit coral reefs in tropical and subtropical oceans wo…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Chaetodontidae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 100-250 grams
Scientific name: Chaetodon auriga

Did you know?

- Butterflyfish are so dependent on coral reefs that their populations can rapidly decline if reefs are damaged or destroyed.
- Butterflyfish often swim in pairs, especially during breeding season, and some species mate for life. Their colorful patterns not only confuse predat…

What I learned

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