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Animal Fact Sheet

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Cleaner wrasse

Labroides dimidiatus

The cleaner wrasse runs a business. It sets up at a fixed location on the reef — a cleaning station — and larger fish queue there voluntarily, holding still, opening their mouths and gill covers, whi…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Labridae
Habitat: Coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific region
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-6 years
Weight: 8-15 grams
Scientific name: Labroides dimidiatus

Did you know?

- Cleaner wrasses are so trusted that even predatory fish allow them to clean inside their mouths without harming them.
- It runs a cleaning station where predators queue up and hold still while it swims into their mouths — and they never eat it. It cheats, preferring to…

What I learned

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