

Animal Fact Sheet

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Convict tang

Acanthurus triostegus

The convict tang, also known as the convict surgeonfish, is a strikingly patterned marine fish easily recognized by its white to pale yellow body adorned with six bold vertical black stripes. Native ...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Acanthuridae

Habitat: Coral reefs and shallow lagoons

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-10 years

Weight: 60-200 grams

Scientific name: *Acanthurus triostegus*

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'surgeonfish,' convict tangs have less pronounced scalpel-like spines on their tails compared to other members of their family.
- Convict tangs are named for their distinctive black 'prison stripe' markings. They are known for their ability to rapidly form large schools for both...

What I learned
