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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

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