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Animal Fact Sheet

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False cleanerfish

Aspidontus taeniatus

The false cleanerfish is a small, slender marine fish known for its extraordinary mimicry of the bluestreak cleaner wrasse. Sporting a similar blue and black stripe, it deceives other reef fish into …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Blenniidae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Aspidontus taeniatus

Did you know?

- Despite their deceptive behavior, false cleanerfish rarely cause serious harm to their 'victims,' allowing them to maintain their ruse on the busy re…
- The false cleanerfish is famous for its near-perfect mimicry of the bluestreak cleaner wrasse, fooling both fish and divers. Unlike the helpful wrass…

What I learned

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