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Flashlight Fish

Anomalops katoptron

Flashlight fishes carry a light organ in a pocket directly beneath each eye, and the light is not theirs. The organ is a bacterial farm, packed with luminous symbiotic bacteria that glow continuously…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Anomalopidae
Habitat: Deep coastal and coral reef waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 30-80 grams
Scientific name: Anomalops katoptron

Did you know?

- Flashlight fish can shut off their bioluminescent light instantly by rotating a special organ or covering it with dark skin, making them almost invis…
- The light organ has evolved this bacterial partnership independently in several fish lineages, and the flashlight fish's bacteria are so committed to…

What I learned

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