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Animal Fact Sheet

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Foureye Butterflyfish

Chaetodon capistratus

The Foureye Butterflyfish is a striking marine fish known for the large, dark eyespot ringed in white on the rear portion of each side of its body, which confuses predators and gives the fish its com…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Chaetodontidae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years
Weight: 15-25 grams
Scientific name: Chaetodon capistratus

Did you know?

- Despite their delicate appearance, Foureye Butterflyfish are highly territorial and will vigorously defend their chosen patch of reef from intruders.
- The eyespot on its tail helps divert predator attacks away from its head. Foureye Butterflyfish are among the few fish species that form long-term mo…

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