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Harlequin Filefish

Oxymonacanthus longirostris

The Harlequin Filefish is a small, vibrantly colored marine fish known for its elongated snout and striking blue and orange patterning. It inhabits coral reefs in the Indo-Pacific region, where it re…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Monacanthidae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Omnivore (primarily corallivore)
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Oxymonacanthus longirostris

Did you know?

- If stressed or removed from their natural coral habitat, Harlequin Filefish may rapidly lose their vibrant coloration and are unlikely to survive for…
- Harlequin Filefish can subtly change their skin color to better match their coral surroundings. They have small, brush-like teeth that allow them to …

What I learned

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