

Animal Fact Sheet

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Harlequin shrimp

Hymenocera picta

The Harlequin shrimp is a strikingly colorful marine invertebrate known for its elaborate patterns of cream, white, and vibrant blue or purple markings. These shrimp are relatively small but are high...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Gnathophyllidae

Habitat: Coral reefs

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-3 years

Weight: 10-20 grams

Scientific name: *Hymenocera picta*

Did you know?

- Harlequin shrimp can survive for weeks on a single sea star, methodically consuming it limb by limb while keeping the star alive for as long as possi...
- Harlequin shrimp feed almost exclusively on sea stars, often dragging prey many times their own size to their hiding place. They are monogamous and a...

What I learned
