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Animal Fact Sheet

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Leaf scorpionfish

Taenianotus triacanthus

The leaf scorpionfish is a small, cryptic marine fish known for its remarkable camouflage, resembling a drifting piece of leaf or algae. It inhabits coral reefs throughout the Indo-Pacific region, wh…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Scorpaenidae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 10-20 grams
Scientific name: Taenianotus triacanthus

Did you know?

- Unlike many reef fish, the leaf scorpionfish uses its wide pectoral fins to 'walk' along the substrate, rather than swimming actively.
- The leaf scorpionfish sheds its skin every few weeks to remove parasites and maintain camouflage. It often rocks back and forth to mimic a drifting l…

What I learned

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