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Animal Fact Sheet

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Leafy seadragon

Phycodurus eques

Phycodurus eques is found only along the southern coast of Australia, from Western Australia to Victoria, and its leaf-like appendages are not fins and do not propel it at all - they are purely decor…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Syngnathidae
Habitat: Temperate coastal waters with seagrass meadows and kelp forests
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Near Threatened
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 0.2–0.5 kg
Scientific name: Phycodurus eques

Did you know?

- Despite their elaborate appearance, leafy seadragons are poor swimmers and rely almost entirely on camouflage to evade predators.
- Leafy seadragons are the marine emblem of South Australia and are fully protected; they cannot be taken from the wild. Individuals can be identified …

What I learned

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