

Animal Fact Sheet

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Leafy seadragon

Phycodurus eques

The leafy seadragon is a spectacular marine fish known for its elaborate, leaf-like appendages that provide exceptional camouflage among seaweed and kelp. Endemic to the southern and western coasts o...

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 one of the best-camouflaged animals in the ocean, making them extremely difficult to spot. Males carry the eggs on their tails u...

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