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## Longhorn Cowfish

*Lactoria cornuta*

The Longhorn Cowfish is a unique species of boxfish known for its distinctive long, horn-like projections extending from the front of its head. Its body is bright yellow and covered with hexagonal, p...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Ostraciidae

**Habitat:** Coral reefs and lagoons

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 8-15 years

**Weight:** 0.5-2 kg

**Scientific name:** *Lactoria cornuta*

### Did you know?

- When threatened or severely stressed, the Longhorn Cowfish can poison an entire aquarium by releasing toxins from its skin.
- The Longhorn Cowfish can secrete a potent toxin called ostracitoxin as a defense mechanism. Its horns are believed to make it difficult for predators...

### What I learned

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