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Animal Fact Sheet

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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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