

Animal Fact Sheet

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Mandarinfish Nudibranch

Chelidonura varians

The Mandarin Dragon Nudibranch (*Chelidonura varians*) is a strikingly colorful sea slug found in tropical Indo-Pacific waters. Its elongated, smooth body displays vibrant blue, black, and orange markings.

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Aglajidae

Habitat: Coral reefs and sandy substrates in shallow tropical marine waters

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-2 years

Weight: 2-5 grams

Scientific name: *Chelidonura varians*

Did you know?

- Despite their name and appearance, Mandarin Dragon Nudibranchs are not true nudibranchs, but belong to a different order of sea slugs called Cephalas...
- Mandarin Dragon Nudibranchs have special sensory organs called rhinophores to detect chemicals in the water, helping them locate prey. Unlike many nu...

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