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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 marki…

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…

What I learned

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