

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Mantis Shrimp

*Odontodactylus scyllarus*

Mantis shrimp are vibrant and highly specialized marine crustaceans known for their powerful, raptorial appendages used to hunt prey with incredible speed and force. With over 450 species, these anim...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Odontodactylidae

**Habitat:** Shallow tropical and subtropical ocean reefs

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 6-20 years

**Weight:** 15-200 grams

**Scientific name:** *Odontodactylus scyllarus*

### Did you know?

- A mantis shrimp's punch accelerates as fast as a bullet, briefly causing water to boil through a process called supercavitation.
- Mantis shrimp strike with such speed that they can break glass aquarium walls. Their eyes can independently move and perceive 12 to 16 color channels...

### What I learned

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