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Animal Fact Sheet

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Marbled Cone Snail

Conus marmoreus

The cone snail is a predatory sea snail that hunts fish, and it kills with a harpoon. A modified tooth, hollow and barbed, is loaded from an internal quiver, driven down the extended proboscis and fi…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Conidae
Habitat: Coral reefs and sandy seafloors
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 15-30 grams
Scientific name: Conus marmoreus

Did you know?

- The Marbled Cone Snail can deliver one of the fastest strikes in the animal kingdom, using its harpoon-like radula tooth to inject venom in under a s…
- It kills fish by firing a hollow, barbed, harpoon-like tooth loaded with venom. Its venom is a cocktail of hundreds of peptides, some timed to fire i…

What I learned

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