

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Moorish idol

*Zanclus cornutus*

The Moorish idol is a strikingly beautiful reef fish known for its disk-shaped body, bold black, white, and yellow bands, and its elongated dorsal fin filament. Found throughout the Indo-Pacific, it ...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish**Family:** Zanclidae**Habitat:** Coral reefs and lagoons**Diet:** Omnivore**Conservation status:** Least Concern**Lifespan:** 4-7 years in the wild**Weight:** 200-230 grams**Scientific name:** *Zanclus cornutus*

### Did you know?

- Unlike many reef fish, the Moorish idol is the sole extant species in its family, Zanclidae.
- The Moorish idol is believed to bring happiness and good luck in many cultures. Its long trailing dorsal fin is called a 'filament' and can be as lon...

### What I learned

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