

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Nudibranch (Spanish dancer)

*Hexabranchnus sanguineus*

The Spanish dancer is a strikingly colorful nudibranch, recognizable by its large, flattened, and bright red or orange body with white or yellow markings. Named for its undulating swimming motion tha...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate

**Family:** Hexabranchnidae

**Habitat:** Coral reefs in tropical and subtropical ocean waters

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 1-4 years

**Weight:** 100-200 grams

**Scientific name:** *Hexabranchnus sanguineus*

### Did you know?

- Despite its flamboyant appearance, the Spanish dancer is actually a hermaphrodite, possessing both male and female reproductive organs.
- The Spanish dancer can swim by flexing its body in wave-like motions, a rare skill among nudibranchs. It often hosts symbiotic shrimp on its gills, w...

### What I learned

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