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Animal Fact Sheet

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Nudibranch (Spanish dancer)

Hexabranchus 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: Hexabranchidae
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: Hexabranchus 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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