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Animal Fact Sheet

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Ocellaris clownfish

Amphiprion ocellaris

Amphiprion ocellaris is a protandrous sequential hermaphrodite: every fish is born male, and each anemone holds a strict size-based hierarchy with one large breeding female at the top, a smaller bree…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Pomacentridae
Habitat: Shallow coral reefs
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 2-15 grams
Scientific name: Amphiprion ocellaris

Did you know?

- Every Ocellaris clownfish group has a strict social hierarchy, and when the female dies, the dominant male transforms into a female to take her place.
- Non-breeding subordinates deliberately stay small, growing only to a fixed fraction of the fish above them, because outgrowing your superior triggers…

What I learned

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