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Parrotfish

Scarus vetula

Parrotfish are vibrant, reef-dwelling fish known for their beak-like teeth, which they use to scrape algae from coral and rocks. Their bodies are often adorned with bright blues, greens, and pinks, m...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Scaridae

Habitat: Coral reefs

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-7 years

Weight: 1-20 kg

Scientific name: *Scarus vetula*

Did you know?

- A single large parrotfish can produce hundreds of kilograms of sand each year just by eating and excreting bits of coral.
- Parrotfish teeth are fused together to form a strong, beak-like structure. They sleep in mucous cocoons at night to protect themselves from predators...

What I learned
