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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pfeffer's flamboyant cuttlefish

Metasepia pfefferi

Pfeffer's flamboyant cuttlefish is the only cuttlefish known to be toxic, and it advertises the fact loudly. It is small, and rather than swimming it usually walks along the seabed on two flattened a…

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate
Family: Sepiidae
Habitat: Tropical coastal waters, sandy or muddy substrates
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Data Deficient
Lifespan: 1-2 years
Weight: 25-75 grams
Scientific name: Metasepia pfefferi

Did you know?

- Despite their stunning appearance, flamboyant cuttlefish have one of the shortest lifespans among cephalopods, living only about a year or two.
- It is the only cuttlefish known to be toxic — its flesh carries a poison comparable to a blue-ringed octopus's. It walks along the seabed on two arms…

What I learned

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