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Animal Fact Sheet

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Pufferfish

Tetraodontidae (family includes multiple genera and species)

A pufferfish does not inflate with air — it gulps water into a hugely elastic stomach that can expand to many times its resting volume, turning the fish into a sphere far too large and awkward to fit…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Tetraodontidae
Habitat: Coastal marine waters, reefs, and estuaries
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 0.5–3 kg
Scientific name: Tetraodontidae (family includes multiple genera and species)

Did you know?

- Despite their toxicity, certain species of pufferfish are served as the delicacy 'fugu' in Japan, prepared only by licensed chefs due to the risk of …
- Pufferfish inflate with water, not air — and they have no ribs, which would otherwise resist the expansion. Their tetrodotoxin is far deadlier than c…

What I learned

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