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Animal Fact Sheet

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Reef Stonefish

Synanceia verrucosa

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Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Synanceiidae
Habitat: Coral reefs and rocky coastal regions
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 1-2.5 kg
Scientific name: Synanceia verrucosa

Did you know?

- Despite their deadly reputation, stonefish are sometimes kept in public aquariums for their unique appearance and impressive camouflage abilities.
- It is the most venomous fish in the world — and the venom is purely defensive, never used for hunting. Its dorsal spines are hypodermic needles that …

What I learned

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