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Animal Fact Sheet

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Sailfin Tang

Zebrasoma veliferum

The Sailfin Tang is a strikingly beautiful marine fish known for its large, sail-like dorsal and anal fins and its bold patterning of yellow and brown vertical stripes. Native to the Indo-Pacific reg…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Acanthuridae
Habitat: Coral reefs
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-7 years (up to 15 years in captivity)
Weight: 200-400 grams
Scientific name: Zebrasoma veliferum

Did you know?

- Despite their peaceful reputation, Sailfin Tangs have sharp, scalpel-like spines on their tails that they use for defense and to establish dominance.
- Sailfin Tangs can rapidly change the intensity of their coloration when stressed or threatened. Their extended fins make them appear much larger to p…

What I learned

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