

# 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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