

Animal Fact Sheet

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Scarlet cleaner shrimp

Lysmata amboinensis

The scarlet cleaner shrimp, also known as the Pacific cleaner shrimp or skunk cleaner shrimp, is a vibrantly colored marine invertebrate recognized by its bright red and white striped body and long w...

Quick facts

Classification: Invertebrate

Family: Hippolytidae

Habitat: Coral reefs

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 2-3 years

Weight: 1-4 grams

Scientific name: *Lysmata amboinensis*

Did you know?

- Despite their tiny size, scarlet cleaner shrimp are essential to reef ecosystems because their cleaning services significantly reduce fish parasites ...
- Scarlet cleaner shrimp perform a unique dance with their antennae to attract fish clients for cleaning. They are capable of cleaning even inside the ...

What I learned
