

Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotted boxfish

Ostracion meleagris

The spotted boxfish is a small, distinctive marine fish recognized by its boxy, angular body and striking pattern of white or yellow spots on a dark background. Males and females are sexually dimorph...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Ostraciidae

Habitat: Coral reefs and lagoons

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 4-8 years

Weight: 100-400 grams

Scientific name: *Ostracion meleagris*

Did you know?

- Unlike most fish, the spotted boxfish cannot curve its body to swim; its armored shell keeps it rigid and inflexible.
- Spotted boxfish have a rigid, box-like body that limits their speed but offers excellent protection from predators. They use a unique form of swimmin...

What I learned

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