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Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotted Handfish

Brachionichthys hirsutus

The spotted handfish (Brachionichthys hirsutus) is a small, slow anglerfish relative that does not swim so much as walk, using arm-like modified pectoral and pelvic fins with fleshy "hands" to pace a…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Brachionichthyidae
Habitat: Coastal estuaries and sandy seabeds
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Critically Endangered
Lifespan: Up to 10 years
Weight: 15–40 g
Scientific name: Brachionichthys hirsutus

Did you know?

- The Spotted Handfish is so rare that it was once believed to be extinct before being rediscovered in the 1990s.
- It walks on modified fins rather than swimming, and a startled handfish will typically stroll away rather than flee.

There is no larval dispersal sta…

What I learned

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