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Spotted Handfish

Brachionichthys hirsutus

The Spotted Handfish is a small, benthic fish notable for its hand-like pectoral fins, which it uses to 'walk' along the sea floor instead of swimming. This critically endangered species is endemic t...

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.
- The Spotted Handfish uses its pectoral fins to walk along the ocean floor like hands. It lays its eggs in clusters attached to stalked ascidians, and...

What I learned

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