

Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotted Pufferfish

Arothron nigropunctatus

The Spotted Pufferfish, also known as the Blackspotted Puffer or Dog-faced Puffer, is a medium-sized marine fish recognized for its round body and prominent black spots scattered over a pale or yellowish body.

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Tetraodontidae

Habitat: Coral reefs and lagoons

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 300-600 grams

Scientific name: *Arothron nigropunctatus*

Did you know?

- Unlike most fish, spotted pufferfish do not have scales but a tough, leathery skin for added protection.
- Spotted pufferfish can inflate their bodies to nearly double their size when threatened. They possess tetrodotoxin, a powerful neurotoxin, in their organs.

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