

Animal Fact Sheet

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Spotted Scat

Scatophagus argus

The Spotted Scat is a medium-sized, laterally compressed fish known for its distinctive silvery-green body covered with black or brown spots. Native to the Indo-Pacific region, it thrives in a variety of habitats.

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Scatophagidae

Habitat: Brackish estuaries, mangroves, and coastal waters

Diet: Omnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 10-15 years

Weight: 0.2 - 1 kg

Scientific name: *Scatophagus argus*

Did you know?

- Despite their attractive appearance, Spotted Scats possess venomous spines on their dorsal fins that can deliver a painful sting.
- Spotted Scats can live in both freshwater and saltwater environments, making them highly adaptable. They have specialized gill structures that help them survive in both.

What I learned
