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Animal Fact Sheet

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Yellow boxfish

Ostracion cubicus

The yellow boxfish is a striking marine fish recognized for its bright yellow, box-shaped body adorned with small black spots. Native to coral and rocky reefs in the Indo-Pacific, juveniles are parti…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Ostraciidae
Habitat: Coral and rocky reefs in tropical marine waters
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 0.5-1.2 kg
Scientific name: Ostracion cubicus

Did you know?

- Despite their clumsy appearance, yellow boxfish are surprisingly agile swimmers thanks to their specialized fin movement.
- Yellow boxfish can secrete a toxic substance called ostracitoxin when threatened. Their unique shape and coloration make them popular in the aquarium…

What I learned

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