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Animal Fact Sheet

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Yellow tang

Zebrasoma flavescens

The yellow tang is a vibrant, tropical marine fish recognized for its striking, bright yellow coloration and distinctive disc-shaped body. Native to the reefs of the Pacific Ocean, especially around …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Acanthuridae
Habitat: Coral reefs and lagoons
Diet: Herbivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-30 years
Weight: 25-55 grams
Scientific name: Zebrasoma flavescens

Did you know?

- In the wild, yellow tangs can live up to 30 years, far longer than most people expect for such a small fish.
- Yellow tangs can rapidly change color at night, becoming paler with a white lateral stripe. They play an ecological role as 'reef cleaners' by grazin…

What I learned

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