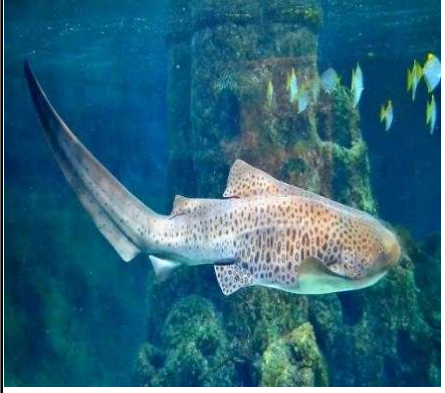









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Zebra Shark Stegostoma fasciatum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indo-West Pacific region. • Coral and rocky reefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Crabs, Shrimp, Octopi, Fish, Fish eggs. • Zoo: Fish meat, Crab meat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: Average length 5 to 7 feet, maximum 11.5 feet. • Fun Fact: Adults are light yellow – brown and covered in dark spots, while the juveniles are quite dark with white bars across their bodies. Can pump water across its gills enabling it to remain stationary on the bottom. • IUCN STATUS: Vulnerable 	
Blacktip Reef Shark Carcharhinus melanopterus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arabian Gulf and eastern Mediterranean. • Reef drop-offs and shallow water on coral reefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: A wide variety of small fish and invertebrates. • Zoo: Clams, squid fish, scallops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: Up to 6 feet long. • Fun Fact: In 2008 DNA evidence confirmed that a female shark fertilized her own egg without the help of a male. It's not entirely known how rare this event, called Parthenogenesis, is among Blacktip sharks. • IUCN STATUS: Near Threatened 	


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<p>Palette Surgeonfish (AKA Dory)</p> <p>Paracanthurus Hepatus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circumtropical, Especially around coral reefs. Pacific and Indian oceans. • Coral Reefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Filamentous, and Fleshy algae, zoo plankton. • Zoo: Brine Shrimp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 6 to 30 inches. • Fun Fact: Characterized by the existence of the “Scalpel” a distinctive spine on either side of the base of the tail, hence the common name surgeonfish. 	
<p>Blackfin Triggerfish</p> <p>Melichthys indicus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Found across the Indian Ocean • Coral reefs near sandy areas, sea grass meadows, and mangrove areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Echinoderms, mollusks. • Zoo: Clams, fish, shrimp scallops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: Can grow up to 10 inches in length. • Fun Fact: Have a hard dorsal fin that can be locked into place. Used to wedge them into place in a crevasse. Used as a warning to other fish. <p>IUCN Status: Least Concern</p>	
<p>White margin Unicorn Tang</p> <p>Naso annulatus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indo- Pacific Region. • Reefs and Costal Lagoons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Large zooplankton and benthic algae. • Zoo: Brine Shrimp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: Maximum 39 inches. • Fun Fact: Has a long protrusion off the front of his/her face. This protrusion is thought to be used for light detection but has yet to be confirmed. <p>ICUN STATUS: No special status.</p>	

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<p>Threadfin Snapper</p> <p>Symphorichthys spilurus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical and subtropical waters of the Indo Pacific. • Found in sandy areas near coral reefs at depths of 16-197 feet. On sandy bottoms in the vicinity of coral reefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Small fishes and bottom-dwelling crustaceans and Mollusks. • Zoo: Squid, fish scallops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 19 to 24 inches. • Fun Fact: Usually solitary however, it aggregates to spawn at very specific sites along seaward reefs. <p>IUCNS STATUS: Not evaluated.</p>	
<p>Orbicular Batfish</p> <p>Platax orbicularis</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans. • Deep lagoons, channels, and seaward reefs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Algae and small invertebrates • Zoo: Brine shrimp and algae. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 12 to 18 inches. • Fun Fact: Friendly and curious around divers sometimes called the “Puppy Dogs” of the sea. <p>IUCNS STATUS: Not endangered.</p>	
<p>Orange Spot Surgeonfish</p> <p>Also known as Orange Shoulder Tang</p>	<p>Tropical waters of Indo-west Pacific Ocean</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: various Algae • Zoo: Brine shrimp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: Females up to 13.8 inches, males are smaller • Fun Fact: The juvenile is solid yellow with a broad blue edge on its side. It changes color as it matures. <p>IUCN Status: Least Concern</p>	

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<p>Pennant Coralfish</p> <p>Heniochus Acuminatus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indo-West Pacific Ocean. • Found in deep protected lagoons and channels and the deeper parts of outer reef slopes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Coral and small invertebrates, zooplankton. • Zoo: Brine shrimp, Algae. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: 18 to 21 cm. • Fun Fact: the white dorsal filament can make them look 3 times larger than body height. <p>IUCNS STATUS: Least concern.</p>	
<p>Clown Triggerfish</p> <p>Balistoides Conspicillum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indo Pacific; East Africa to Samoa; North to Southern Japan • Marine; Brackish • Reef associated • Depth range 1 to 75 meters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wild: Sea Urchins, Crabs Crustaceans, Mollusks • Zoo: Clams, Fish, shrimp, and scallops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size: Adults can grow to 20 inches • Fun Fact: Their name comes from a “Triggering Mechanism” in the first 2 of their 3 dorsal spines. When the first spine is locked in place by the second, it will hold the fish tightly in a protective crevice. Not recommended for aquariums due to their aggressive behavior. <p>• IUCN Red List Status: Not evaluated</p>	