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Scientific Name: -*Diodon hystrix*

Family: Diodontidae

Common Name: Porcupine fish

Physical Characteristics:

Porcupine fishes have a rounded, somewhat elongated body shape when not inflated. They typically have a large, bulbous head and a short, stout snout. Their bodies are covered in small, spiky protrusions, which give them a porcupine-like appearance.



Geographical Distribution:

Porcupine fish are distributed worldwide in tropical and subtropical waters, inhabiting both coastal and offshore habitats.

Economic Importance:

They are fascinating and ecologically important creatures; they do not have significant direct economic importance, but contribute to the biodiversity and ecological balance of marine environments.

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