



**Accession Number: - ZOO120**

**Scientific Name: *Triacanthus biaculeatus***

**Family: Triacanthidae**

**Common Name: Short-nose tripod fish**

**Physical Characteristics:**

It has a laterally compressed, almost disc-like body shape, which is typical of spadefish. It is a relatively small species compared to other spadefish. The body is usually silver with dark vertical bars that provide camouflage in its natural habitat.

**Geographical Distribution:**

It is found in the Indo-Pacific region. Its range includes coastal waters and estuaries.

**Economic Importance:**

It is not a primary species for large-scale commercial fisheries; its role in local fisheries, the aquarium trade, and ecotourism, along with its contributions to ecosystem health and biodiversity, gives it notable economic importance. Conservation of its habitats ensures the continued provision of these economic benefits.

