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Scientific Name: - *Tetrosomus gibbosus*

Family: Ostraciidae

Common Name: Thornback trunkfish

Physical Characteristics:

A distinctively box-like body shape, with sharp angles and straight lines. Its body resembles a cube or a hexagonal prism, giving it a geometrically intriguing appearance. Hexagonal scales on the body that overlap like armour, protecting predators. These scales are often brightly colored, ranging from yellowish to brownish hues, with darker markings for camouflage.



Geographical Distribution:

Found in the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Ocean.

Economic Importance:

It contributes to the ecological health of coral reef ecosystems and is valued for its unique appearance in marine tourism and the aquarium trade. Conservation efforts to protect coral reefs and associated habitats benefit species such as the tower boxfish and the diverse ecosystems they inhabit.