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Scientific Name: -*Hippocampus* sps.

Family: Syngnathidae

Common Name: Seahorse

Physical Characteristics:

They have long, tubular snouts and small, toothless mouths. Their bodies are covered with consecutive rings of bony plates. The name of the genus that contains seahorses is derived from the Greek words “hippos” (meaning “horse”) and “kampos” (meaning “sea monster”).

Geographical Distribution:

Indo-Pacific Region, Atlantic Ocean: Sea European Waters.

Economic Importance:

They hold significant economic importance in the aquarium trade, traditional medicine, and marine tourism. However, they face considerable threats from overexploitation and habitat destruction, necessitating comprehensive conservation efforts to ensure their survival and the health of their ecosystems.

