

Discover the Spotted Handfish

Brachionichthys hirsutus



Appearance

What do they look like?

Creamy to yellowish colour with dark brown or black spots. Have large pectoral fins that look like hands.

Habitat

Where do they live?

Found only in Tasmania, Australia. Live in shallow, sandy, or silty areas of the seabed.

Diet

What do they eat?

Small crustaceans, worms, and other tiny sea creatures.

Behaviour

How do they behave?

Use their "hands" to walk on the sea floor. Move slowly and deliberately.

Conservation Status

Are they endangered?

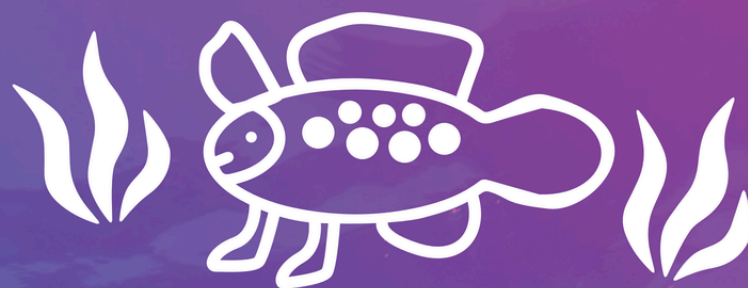
Critically endangered due to habitat destruction, pollution, and invasive species. Conservation programs are working to protect them.

How You Can Help

What can kids do?

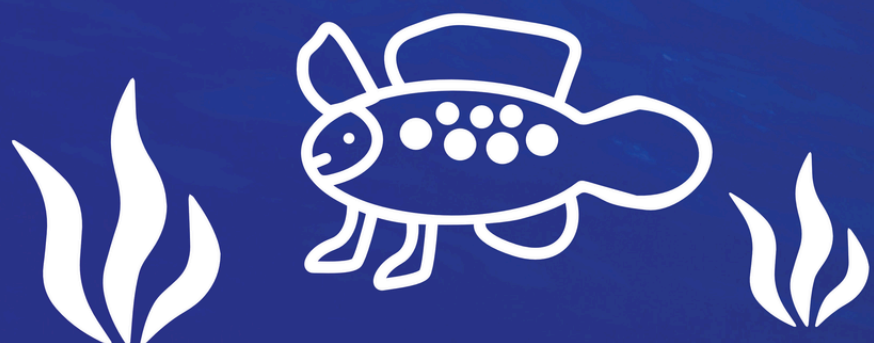
Learn about and support marine conservation efforts.

Reduce plastic use to help keep oceans clean.



What is a Spotted Handfish?

A small, unusual-looking fish that "walks" on its pectoral fins



Did you know?
They are named for their hand-like fins

