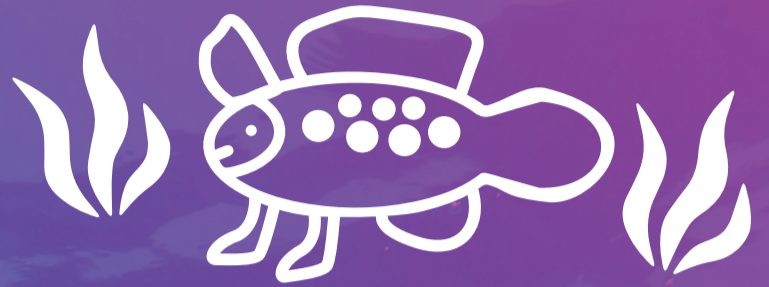


# Discover the Spotted Handfish

*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.

