

WROUGHT IRON BUTTERFLYFISH

Chaetodon daedalma

Jordan & Fowler, 1902



CLASSIFICATION

Class: Actinopteri

Order: Acanthuriformes

Family: Chaetodontidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



LEAST CONCERN

Identification: Adults can reach a maximum length of 15 cm. Laterally compressed body with protruding snout. Unmistakable. Dark brown to black coloration with white spots on each scales. Clear vertical band on flanks. Broad yellow edge on fins.

Range: The species is endemic to the Japanese waters and has been found from Sagami Bay to Ryukyu, Izu and Bonin Islands.

Habitat : Shallow rocky shorelines and reefs, in clear water, down to 20 m.

Behavior: The species usually occurs in fairly big groups and migrates over large areas. It feeds on small invertebrates (polyps, sponges, tunicates).

Status in the wild: The species has a very small range but isn't currently trapped in big numbers. It remains fairly common and faces no known threats.

In captivity: This species is highly sought after by private collectors but remains very rarely exported from Japan. It has never been displayed in Europe and known from less than 5 public aquariums outside Japan. Apparently never bred in captivity.