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A male weedy seadragon

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Seadragons

Seadragons are some of the strangest fish in the sea.

The weedy seadragon in particular looks more like seaweed than a fish.

It has flaps of skin that make wavy branches, which help to disguise it.

The seadragon also drifts along like seaweed. So a predator might swim straight by without recognizing it.

For a mouth, seadragons have a tube that is perfect for sucking up shrimp and tiny plankton.

Seadragons are cousins of seahorses. Like seahorses, it's the fathers who are in charge of the eggs.

The male weedy seadragon's tail turns yellow when he is ready to carry eggs.

Each dragon dad carries around two hundred eggs, which the female seadragon gave him.

The eggs stick safely under his leafy tail until they are ready to hatch.

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