

Porci's Ocean Patrol Activity Sheet



Porcupinefish Cloze Activity (level 1)

Using the words in the boxes, fill in the blank spaces to complete the sentences. Some words may be used more than once.

globefish water reefs beak crunch
crabs Diodon hunting sharp jetties

The scientific name for the porcupinefish is *Diodon* _____ *nichtemerus*.

They are also known as the *globefish* or blow-up fish. Porcupinefish have fused teeth in their mouth that look a bit like a parrot's *beak*.

This means they can *crunch* on hard snacks like clams, *crabs* and sea urchins. They are only found in Southern Australia, hanging out in seagrasses, shallow *reefs* and under *jetties*.

Porcupinefish have a nifty trick when they feel in danger. They puff up like a spiky balloon by swallowing *water* or air.

They are night owls, which means when the moon is up, they are out *hunting* for snails in the sand. Don't even think about eating a

porcupinefish! Their spines are super *sharp* and poison called

tetrodotoxin is found inside.

Name: _____