

Fun Fact Sheet: Estuarine Cobbler

Region

West Coast, South Coast

Summary

I am a type of catfish called an estuarine cobbler.

I live on the soft, sandy bottoms of estuaries and shallow bays.

My body is long and eel-like and is a mottled black, brown and yellow colour.

My dorsal and pectoral fins each have an embedded spine, which are venomous. If you tread on one it will produce a painful wound.

I have a small mouth, surrounded by four pairs of barbels. I have a fifth pair of barbels above my snout. My eyesight is poor.

At night, I venture out from my home to forage for small invertebrates that live in the mud on the sea floor.



During the day, I seek shelter in seagrass, floating seaweed or around rocky reefs.