

# Sarcastic Fringehead



**Description:** Yes, sarcastic fringehead is really its name!! These distinctive fish are long and are olive to brownish in color. They have huge yellow-lined jaws that can open wide to scare off predators. They also have tufts of tissue on their head, which looks similar

to eyebrows, and yellow spots on their dorsal fins. They only grow to about 9-12 inches long.

**Defense:** Sarcastic Fringeheads are aggressive and fearless!! They will still attack almost anything, including scuba divers with their large jaws and huge mouths. They will open their mouths to scare off predators. They also have small, razor-sharp teeth to bite anything that comes too close to them!! They usually hide in objects such as empty shells or little crevices for protection.

**Feeding:** Sarcastic fringeheads like to eat fish and small invertebrates they find on the ocean floor.

**Range:** Sarcastic fringeheads are found from San Francisco Bay south to Baja, Mexico.

**WOW!!!** When two fringeheads battle for territory, they put their mouths up against each other. This often looks like they are kissing. This act proves which is the larger fish and thus, dominance is established.