

HIPPOCAMPUS

Taxonomy of the specimen	Notes
<p>Phylum: Chordata Subphylum: Vertebrata Division: Gnathostomata Super class: Pisces Class: Osteichthyes Order: Syngnathiformes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonly called sea horse, is a marine bony fish found in shallow, coastal waters in tropical and temperate regions. • It has a unique, horse-like head and tail • Prehensile tail is used for grasping and anchoring • They can grow up to 30 cm (12 inches) in length. • Male lay eggs in the brood pouch at the root of tail Ventral side of male shows parental care. • They feed on small crustaceans, plankton, and fish larvae • Many species are threatened or endangered due to habitat loss, pollution, and overfishing • Protected by laws and international agreements, such as CITES • Seahorses have excellent eyesight and can move their eyes independently • They can swim upright, using their dorsal fin to steer • Have been a part of human culture for centuries, featuring art and mythology

DIAGRAM OF HIPPOCAMPUS

