

Globefish

Diodon nictemerus



Globefish *Diodon nictemeru*, photo courtesy of Mark Norman

Like other porcupine fishes, this species has collapsible spines that lie along sides of the body. When attacked this fish swallows water (or air) and pumps itself up until it is spherical and the spines are all erect. This fish has a strong beak of fused teeth capable of a powerful bite and has even taken toes off.