

Ornate Cowfish

Aracana ornata



Ornate Cowfish, *Aracana aurita*, photo courtesy of Julian Finn.

Male Ornate Cowfish have a body pattern of white, blue and brown spots and diagonal lines across the vertical snout. The tail is orange with blue lines. Females have a body pattern of a network of brown, orange and cream horizontal bands. This species mainly occurs around seagrass meadows and low rocky reefs. It is distinguished from Shaw's Cowfish by the more vertical snout.