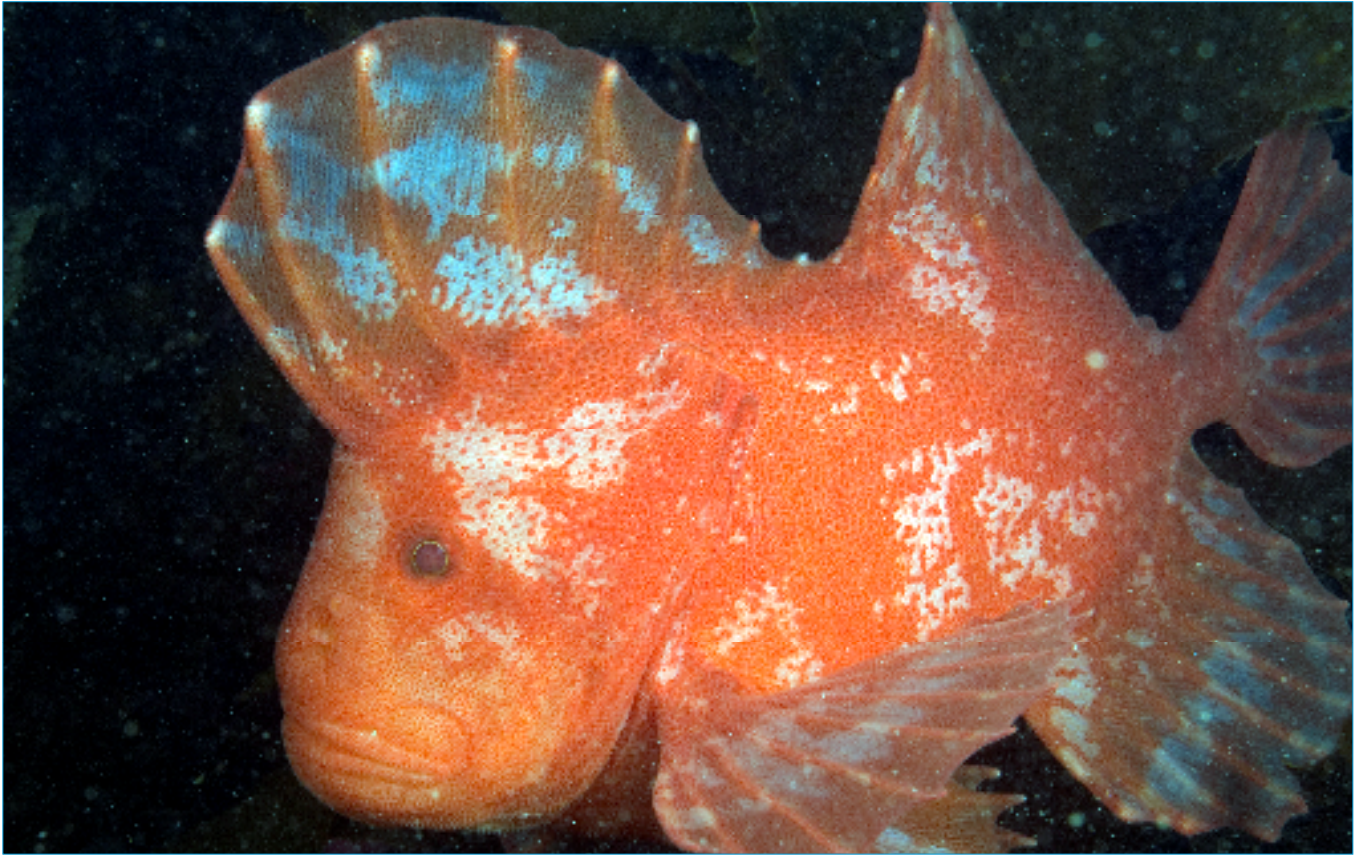


Red Velvetfish

Gnathanacanthus goetzei



Red Velvetfish, *Gnathanacanthus goetzei*, photo courtesy of Mark Norman.

This fish is the only member of a fish family restricted to southern Australian waters. It lives around rocky reefs, especially in deeper gutters and caves, and is rarely encountered by divers. It is easily recognised by its bright red to orange colour and the large rounded fins, particularly above the head. Juveniles are almost transparent with orange dots and lines on the body.