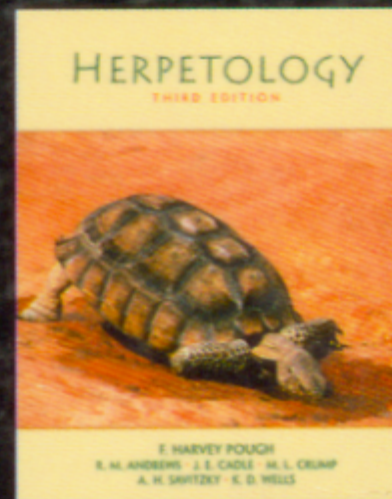




Male mandarinfish (*Synchiropus splendidus*, Teleostei: Callionymidae, the dragonet family) fight for territories on the tops of shallow coral patch reefs in the Lembeh Strait of Northern Sulawesi, Indonesia. These sites are favored by females for spawning, and males that control desirable territories increase their chance of mating.

The large fins and colorful patterns of the males attract female mandarinfish, but they are also attractive to marine aquarists the world over. Collection of mandarinfish and other tropical marine fishes and invertebrates for the aquarium trade is threatening local populations with extinction. In addition, destruction of shallow coral reef habitats—both directly by encroaching human populations and indirectly by anthropogenic global warming—is accelerating on a global scale.

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