



***Poisonous animals 4.3 Dragon fish :***

**Scientific name :** Eurypegasus draconis / Stomiidae

**Other common name :** stalk eye fish, sea moth

**Identification :**

1. It is the most venomous fish found in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Eastern Atlantic Ocean, North Sea, and European coastal areas.
2. Inject their venom from long "spines" that number from four to eight and are needle-sharp along the back of the fish.
3. They have large heads, a broad jaw, and protruding teeth. This protrusion is part of the reason that they have such a scary look, lending to their name as well.
4. Protruding fangs is the most distinctive feature of dragon fish
5. **The spine of the fish is strong enough to penetrate through a leather boot.**
6. **Dragonfish can emit red light from their eyes**

**Nature of venom :** cardiotoxic