Butterflyfish are a type of marine fish. There are 120 species of butterflyfish that can be found in tropical and subtropical regions of the Indian, Pacific and Atlantic oceans. They live near the coral reefs, which serve as hiding places from predators and as a food source.

**Fascinating fact:**
Since they are very tiny and vulnerable at birth, baby butterflyfish develop armor plates which protect their bodies until they grow and become stronger.

**Are butterflyfish endangered?**
Due to climate changes and ocean pollution in the last couple of decades, the number of butterflyfish has decreased drastically.

**How long do butterflyfish live?**
The average lifespan of a butterflyfish in the wild is seven years.

**What do butterflyfish eat?**
Butterflyfish are omnivores. They eat different types of algae and seaweed, worms, small crustaceans and zooplankton.

**Who are butterflyfish predators?**
Butterflyfish have a lot of predators. Large fish, sharks and eels often prey on them.