

Weedy Seadragon

Phyllopteryx taeniolatus

Weedy Seadragons are one of the world's most unique animals. These delicate animals are on many scuba divers bucket list to see and photograph. They are always a pleasant surprise to see. This incredible animal is actually a fish and uses its small transparent fins to swim. It can be found very close to the shoreline in Southern Port Phillip and is therefore particularly vulnerable to human impact.

Male Seadragons carry up to 300 eggs on their tail for two months, until hatching occurs over a period of 6 days. They can live up to ten years in the wild.

Threats

Weedy Seadragons can become entangled in plastic litter including fishing line and die as they are unable to move or forage properly. They are also at risk of ingesting microplastics.

