**Ostracion cyanurus** (Rüppell, 1828)

*Ostracion cyanurus* is known as Bluetail Trunkfish, Bluetail Boxfish, Arabian Boxfish and Arabian Trunkfish. The family that this fish belongs to is called the *Boxfish* family. Origin of this fish is Western Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf. *O. cyanurus* inhabits areas of moderate coral growth, it’s Solitary and found close to shelter. *O. cyanurus* has a unique square shape and a particular way of swimming. They have a rather special personality, which one quickly comes to love. We report from Iranian Waters (Persian Gulf, Kish Island). Maximum length is 15 cm in Kish Island. They found at depths of from 2 to 8 m (in Kish Island, Iran). They live typically off a mixture of algae, coral polyps, zooplankton, and in some cases crustaceans. They are not normally reef safe and when small will require gentle water circulation. This species has a toxin in its skin, which it releases when highly stressed or dying. This poison can kill all the aquatic life in the aquarium, if unlucky. **Bluetail trunkfish** can grow up to 15 cm.

**Food:** *Ostracion cyanurus* does not eat whole fish, but a good diet consists of a mix of vegetables, pieces of shrimp and small pieces of fish. This species likes eating crustaceans, small bivalves and the like.

**Distribution:** *Ostracion cyanurus* distributed in the Western Indian Ocean: Red Sea to the **Persian Gulf**.