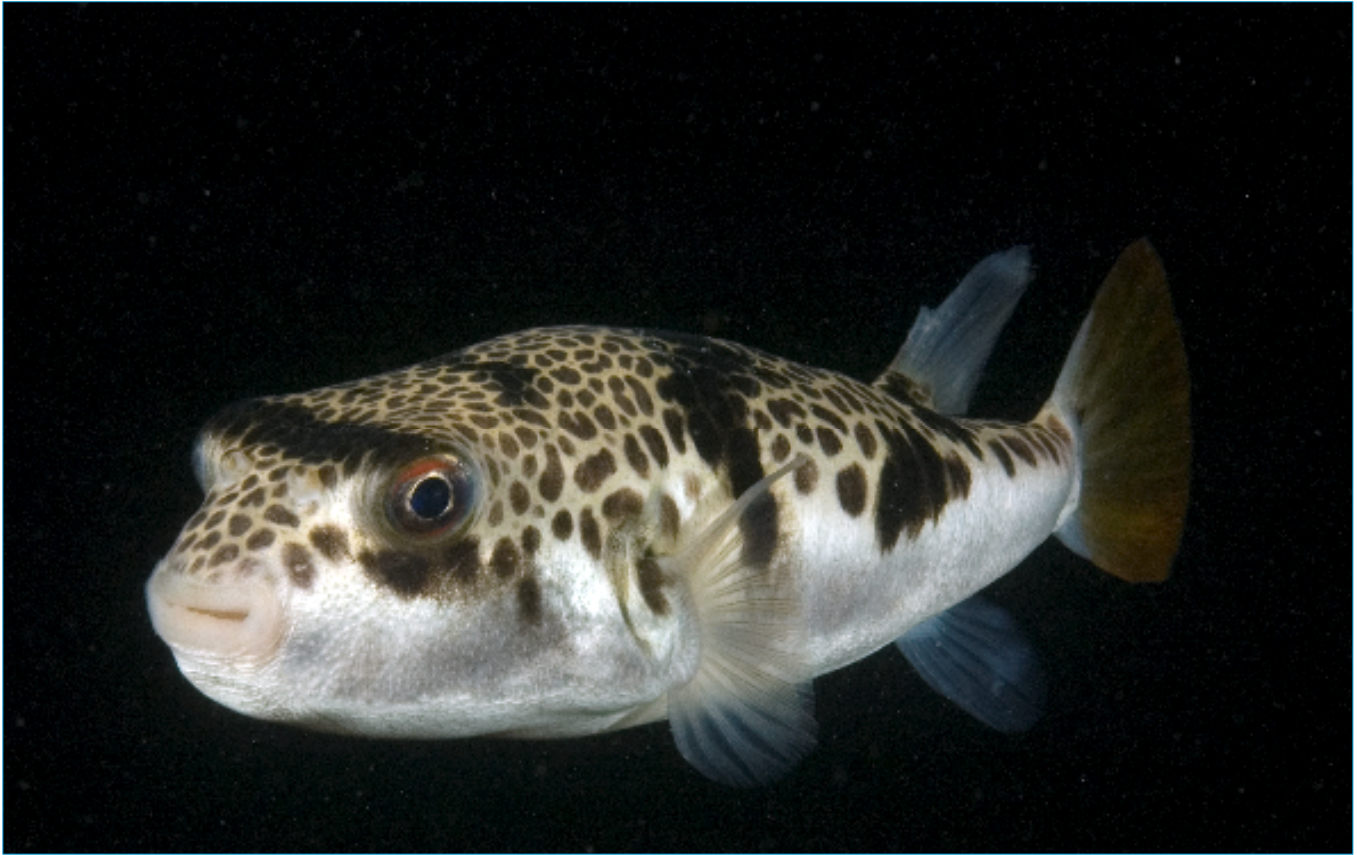


Smooth Toadfish

Tetractenos glaber



Smooth Toadfish, *Tetractenos glaber*, photo courtesy of Mark Norman.

Also known as the Toadie, this fish is very common in shallow bays and inlets in Victorian waters. It has leopard-like spots and bars across the top of the body, with adults possessing an orange eye and tail. Like all pufferfish, it can inflate itself using a flap in the throat to gulp water or air. This fish is poisonous, its flesh and organs containing the powerful neurotoxin tetrodotoxin.