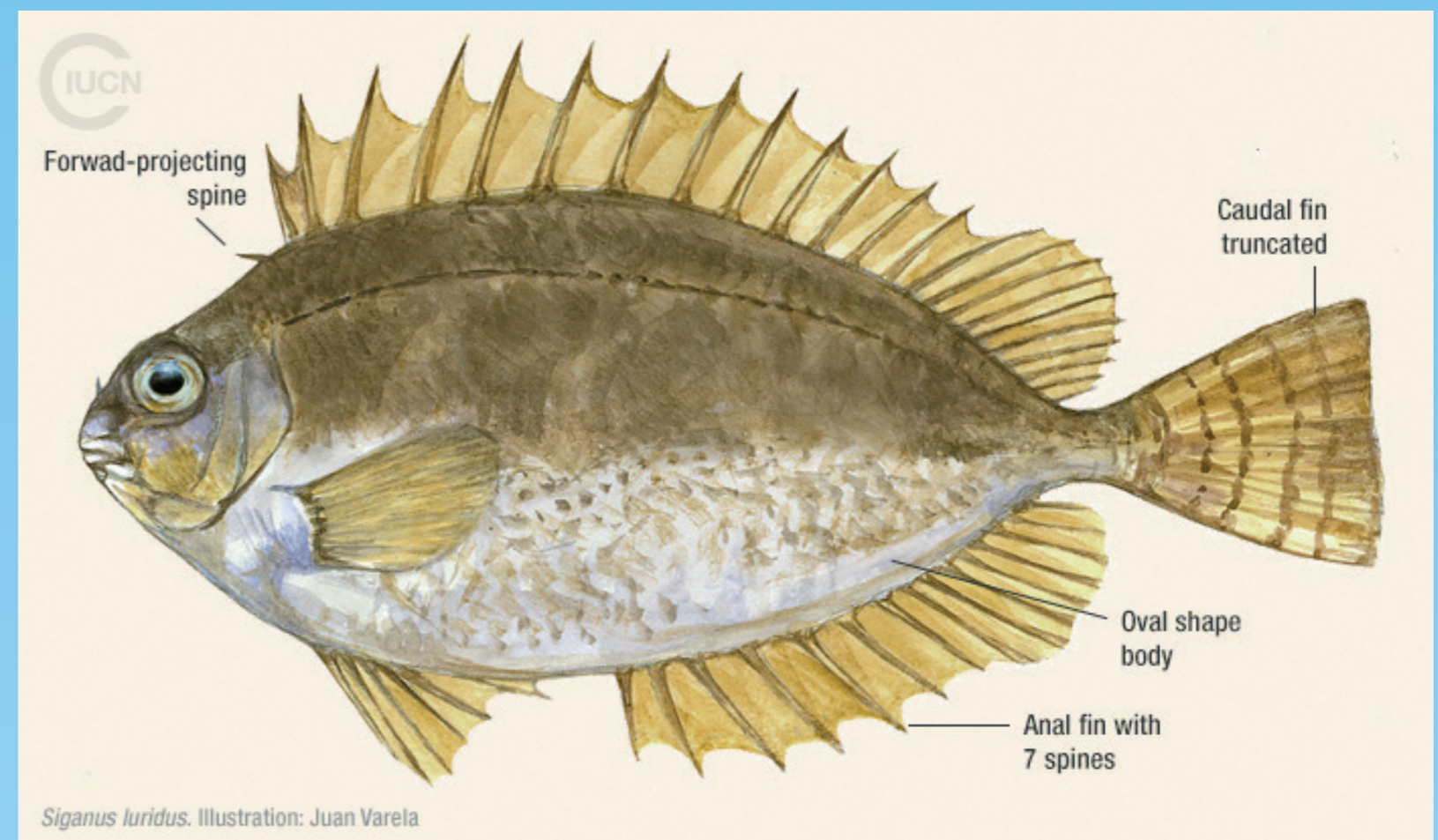
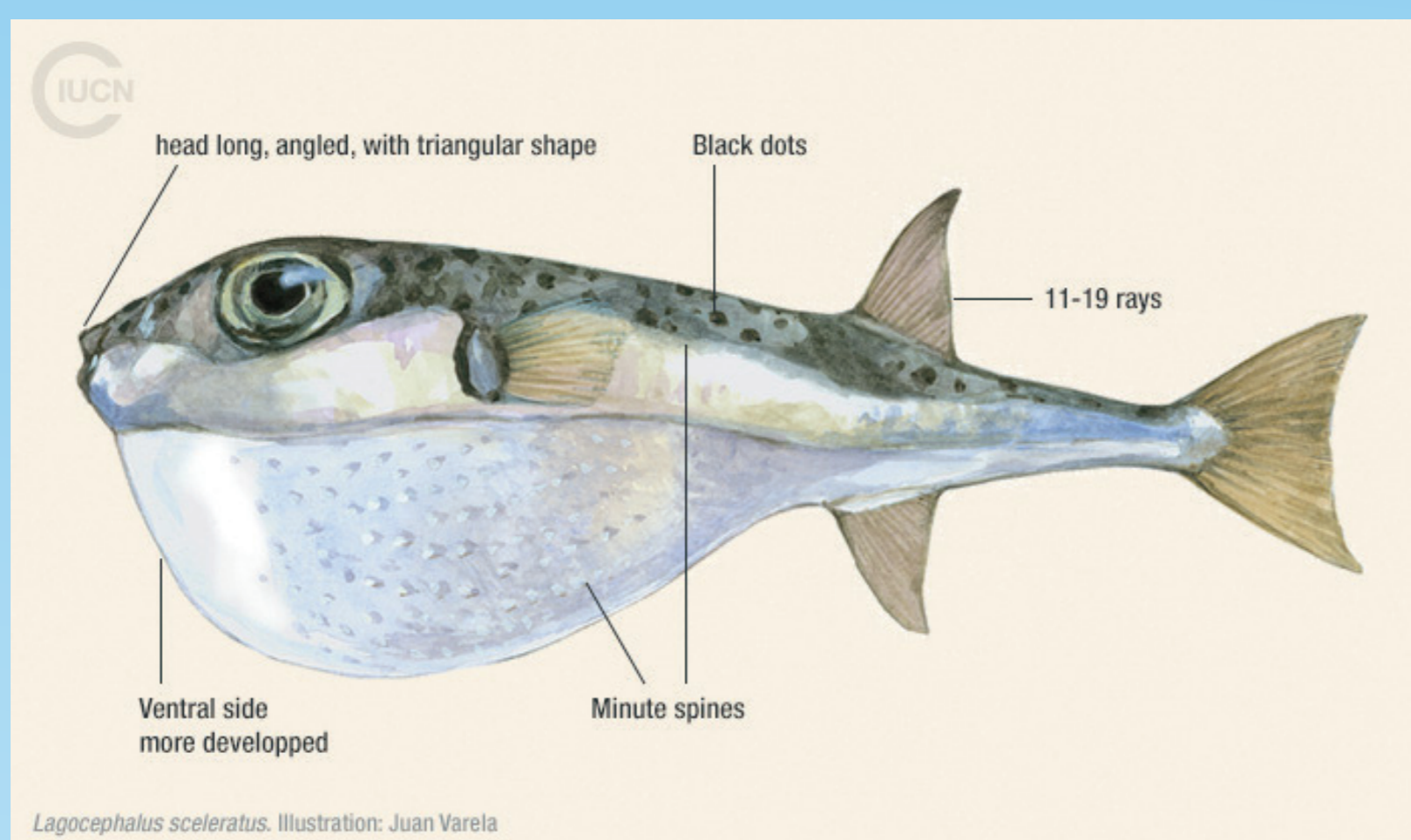


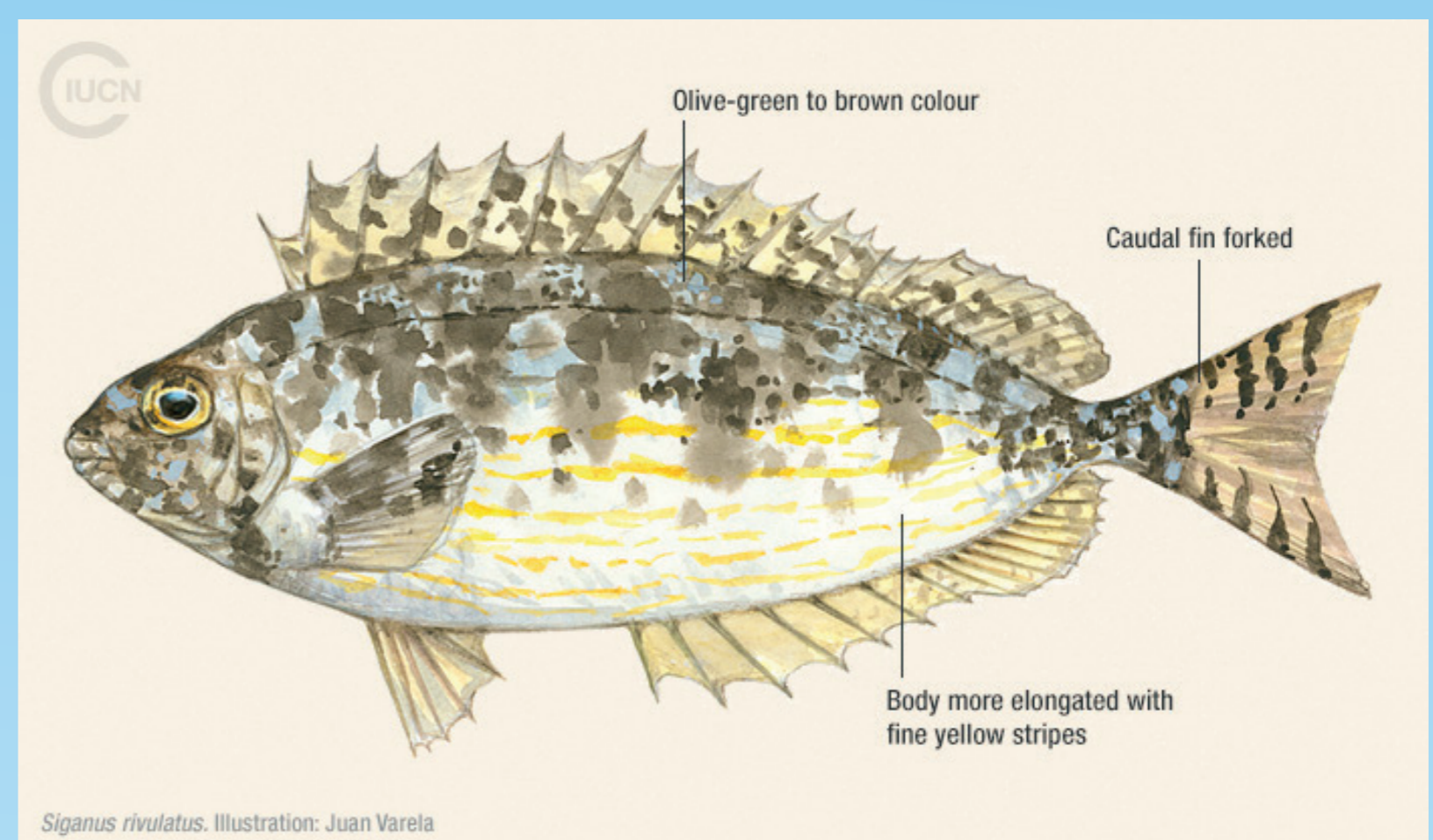
Bluespotted cornetfish (*Fistularia commersonii*)



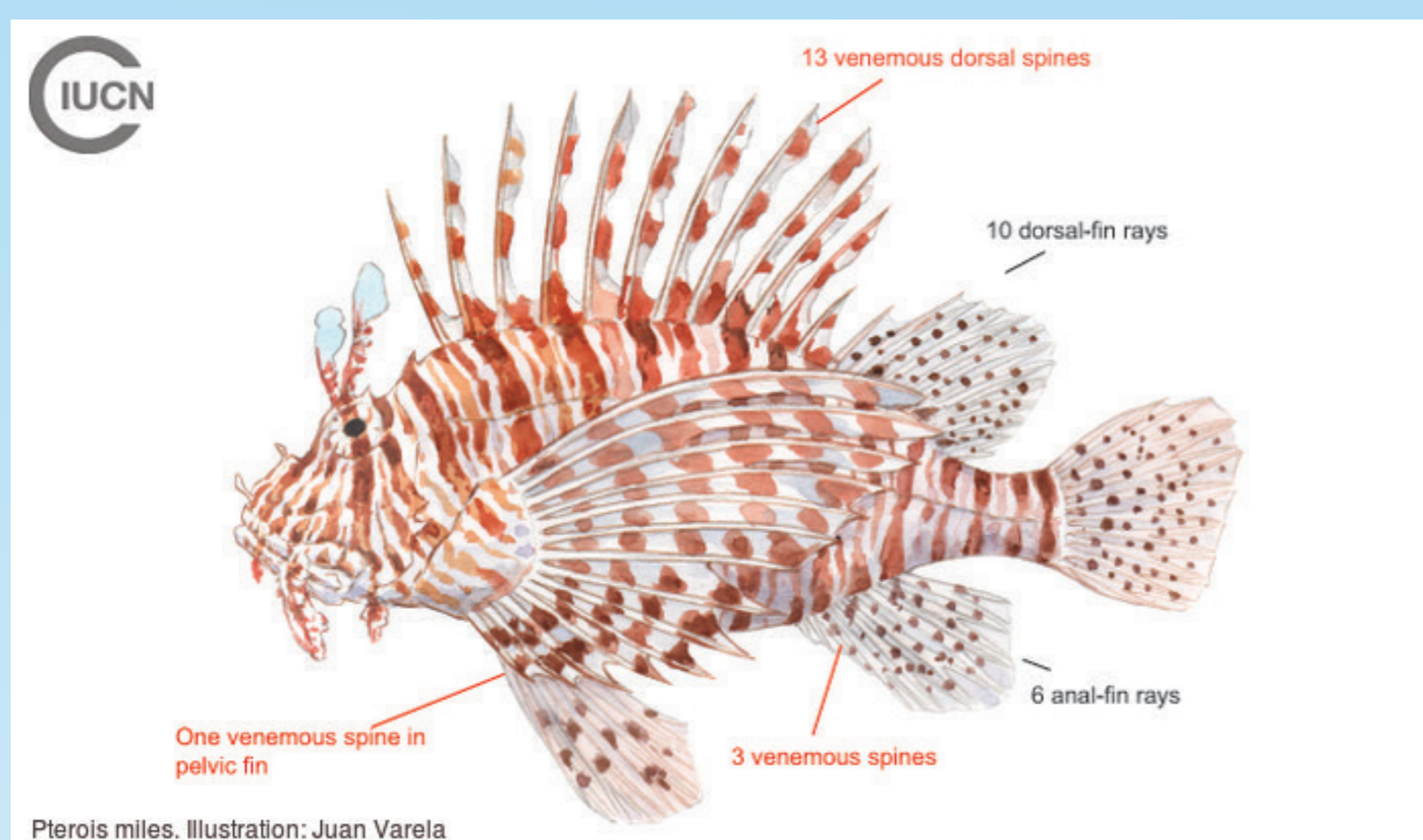
Dusky spinefoot (*Siganus luridus*)



Silver-cheeked toadfish (*Lagocephalus scleratus*)



Marbled spinefoot (*Siganus rivulatus*)



Lionfish (*Pterois miles*)



Yellowspotted puffer (*Torquigener flavimaculosus*)

The project “Researching Invasive Species of K ypros” (RIS-Ky) was launched in April 2017 and is looking at the impacts of invasive alien species in a variety of habitats (terrestrial, freshwater and marine) and will run for two years. The project focuses on the UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs) in Cyprus and it is funded by the Darwin Initiative.

The spread of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) represents a threat to native species and human health around the world. The SBA of Akrotiri includes the largest aquatic system in Cyprus, protected as a habitat of international importance within the Mediterranean (Ramsar Convention) and an Important Bird Area.

The biodiversity of the Mediterranean Sea is changing dramatically through biological invasions, with increased introduction rates of alien species, many of which have been introduced through the Suez Canal. The recent enlargement of this channel is likely to facilitate the spread of Red Sea species, affecting both biodiversity and ecosystem services.

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