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Dear Editors,

We are submitting a manuscript entitled “**Sometimes Hard to Swallow: Attempted Feeding on a Porcupinefish Results in Death of Both Predator and Prey**” for consideration in *Western Indian Ocean Journal of Marine Science* as a short communication. In a recent expedition to Zanzibar, Tanzania, we encountered an amberjack floating on the surface of the ocean. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that it had a large porcupinefish trapped in the buccal cavity, which had led to suffocation and death.

We believe that this predator-prey interaction helps delineate the boundary of where evolutionary adaptations are beneficial and where they are detrimental, and, as such, will be significant to your readers interested in marine fish behavior, ecology and evolution.

This is an original work, and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. All authors have reviewed and approved the submission, and this work conforms to the principles outlined in your ethical conditions for research publication.

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