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Atlantic Blue Marlin

Makaira nigricans

The Atlantic Blue Marlin is one of the largest and most powerful fish in the ocean, renowned for its elongated bill and vibrant cobalt-blue coloration. Found throughout the tropical and subtropical w…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Istiophoridae
Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone)
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 18-27 years
Weight: 200-820 kg (440-1,800 lbs)
Scientific name: Makaira nigricans

Did you know?

- Female Atlantic Blue Marlins can be almost four times heavier than males, making them some of the largest sexually dimorphic fish in the world.
- Atlantic Blue Marlin can swim at speeds up to 80 km/h (50 mph). The longest recorded blue marlin measured over 5 meters (16 feet) in length. They are…

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