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Animal Fact Sheet

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Atlantic mackerel

Scomber scombrus

The Atlantic mackerel is a sleek, fast-swimming fish known for its iridescent blue-green back marked with wavy black lines and silvery flanks. Found in large schools, this species inhabits the temper…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Scombridae
Habitat: Temperate coastal and open ocean waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-20 years
Weight: 0.2-2 kg
Scientific name: Scomber scombrus

Did you know?

- Atlantic mackerel have specialized muscles that allow them to keep swimming continuously, even while sleeping.
- Atlantic mackerel can swim at speeds of up to 5.5 meters per second. They have no swim bladder, which allows them to make rapid vertical movements in…

What I learned

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