

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Atlantic sailfish

*Istiophorus albicans*

The Atlantic sailfish is a large, predatory fish known for its striking dorsal fin, or 'sail', and its elongated, spear-like bill. Recognized for its incredible speed, it is often cited as one of the...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Istiophoridae

**Habitat:** Open ocean (pelagic zone) of the Atlantic Ocean

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 4-10 years

**Weight:** 40-60 kg (88-132 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Istiophorus albicans*

### Did you know?

- Despite their size and speed, Atlantic sailfish are sometimes preyed upon by larger predators like sharks and killer whales.
- The sailfish's dorsal fin can be raised or lowered like a sail, helping it maneuver and corral prey. Sailfish can change color rapidly using speciali...

### What I learned

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