CREATURE ATLAS

Animal Fact Sheet

Name: _____ Date: _____



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

© Creature Atlas · www.creatureatlas.com · Free for classroom & personal use