

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Barred knifejaw

*Oplegnathus fasciatus*

The barred knifejaw is a striking marine fish known for its deep, laterally compressed body and distinct black vertical bars running across a silvery-gray background. Found primarily in the northwest...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Oplegnathidae

**Habitat:** Rocky coastal reefs

**Diet:** Omnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 10-15 years

**Weight:** 2-6 kg

**Scientific name:** *Oplegnathus fasciatus*

### Did you know?

- Despite their intimidating teeth and tough jaws, barred knifejaws are not aggressive toward humans and can sometimes be hand-fed in aquariums.
- Barred knifejaws have incredibly strong jaws capable of crushing the shells of barnacles, mollusks, and crabs. Their distinctive vertical bars provid...

### What I learned

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