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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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