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Animal Fact Sheet

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California Sheephead

Semicossyphus pulcher

The California Sheephead is a large wrasse native to the rocky reefs and kelp forests of the eastern Pacific Ocean, particularly along the coast of California and the Baja Peninsula. This species is …

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Labridae
Habitat: Rocky reefs and kelp forests in the eastern Pacific Ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Vulnerable
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 1-16 kg
Scientific name: Semicossyphus pulcher

Did you know?

- Despite their tough appearance and strong jaws, California Sheephead start their lives as females and only become males if the social structure of th…
- California Sheephead are capable of changing sex from female to male, a process triggered by social and environmental cues. They use their large cani…

What I learned

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