

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
