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Deep-sea Anglerfish Larva

Melanocetus johnsonii

Deep-sea anglerfish larvae are the juvenile forms of several species within the anglerfish family, most notably *Melanocetus johnsonii*. These larvae are translucent, tiny, and often float in the upper...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Melanocetidae

Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone, upper layers)

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 1-3 years (larval stage: several weeks to months)

Weight: Less than 1 gram (larval stage)

Scientific name: *Melanocetus johnsonii*

Did you know?

- Male anglerfish larvae never develop the bioluminescent lure and, as adults, become tiny parasites permanently attached to females.
- Deep-sea anglerfish larvae are often found much closer to the ocean surface compared to their adult counterparts, allowing them to feed on plankton a...

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