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Dogtooth Tuna

Gymnosarda unicolor

The Dogtooth Tuna is a large, predatory fish inhabiting tropical and subtropical reefs in the Indo-Pacific region. Recognized for its streamlined body, large canine-like teeth, and metallic blue-gree…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Scombridae
Habitat: Coral reefs and offshore drop-offs in tropical and subtropical ocean waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 30-120 kg
Scientific name: Gymnosarda unicolor

Did you know?

- Despite being called 'tuna,' Dogtooth Tuna are not considered true tunas in the genus Thunnus and belong instead to the genus Gymnosarda.
- Dogtooth Tuna can reach speeds up to 80 km/h when hunting prey. Unlike most tunas, they lack swim bladders, making them less buoyant but highly agile…

What I learned

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