

# Animal Fact Sheet

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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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