

Animal Fact Sheet

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Flashlight Fish

Anomalops katoptron

The flashlight fish is a small, deep-sea fish known for the bioluminescent organs located beneath its eyes, which it uses to communicate, attract prey, and evade predators. These remarkable light org...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Anomalopidae

Habitat: Deep coastal and coral reef waters

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 3-5 years

Weight: 30-80 grams

Scientific name: *Anomalops katoptron*

Did you know?

- Flashlight fish can shut off their bioluminescent light instantly by rotating a special organ or covering it with dark skin, making them almost invis...
- Flashlight fish can 'blink' their lights to communicate with each other or confuse predators. They are rarely seen by divers because they spend most ...

What I learned

