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Animal Fact Sheet

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Flying gurnard

Dactylopterus volitans

The flying gurnard is a distinctive marine fish known for its large, wing-like pectoral fins that can flare out like a fan, often displaying vibrant blue edges. Despite its name, it does not actually…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Dactylopteridae
Habitat: Shallow coastal ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 3-5 years
Weight: 0.5-1.5 kg
Scientific name: Dactylopterus volitans

Did you know?

- The flying gurnard can produce audible grunting sounds using its swim bladder, a rare trait among fish.
- Flying gurnards can flare their large pectoral fins to appear much larger and ward off predators. Although they look like they might fly, they use th…

What I learned

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