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Giant oarfish

Regalecus glesne

Regalecus glesne is the longest bony fish alive, with reliable specimens over 8 m and credible reports of considerably more, and a body compressed into a silvery ribbon a few centimetres thick. It ha…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Regalecidae
Habitat: Deep ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Up to 20 years
Weight: 150–270 kg
Scientific name: Regalecus glesne

Did you know?

- The giant oarfish is believed to be the origin of many legendary sea serpent sightings reported by sailors.
- A 2019 study compared decades of Japanese deep-sea fish strandings against subsequent earthquakes and found no meaningful relationship, so the oarfis…

What I learned

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