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Goblin Shark

Mitsukurina owstoni

The goblin shark is a deep-sea relic, the last member of a family that goes back over a hundred million years, and it hunts with a mechanism that looks like a special effect. Its jaws are not fixed t…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Mitsukurinidae
Habitat: Deep ocean
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: Up to 30-35 years
Weight: 150–210 kg
Scientific name: Mitsukurina owstoni

Did you know?

- Goblin sharks are sometimes called 'living fossils' because their lineage has changed very little since the Cretaceous period.
- Its jaws are slung on ligaments and fire forward out of its head like a slingshot when it strikes. It needs that because it is a slow, flabby swimmer…

What I learned

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