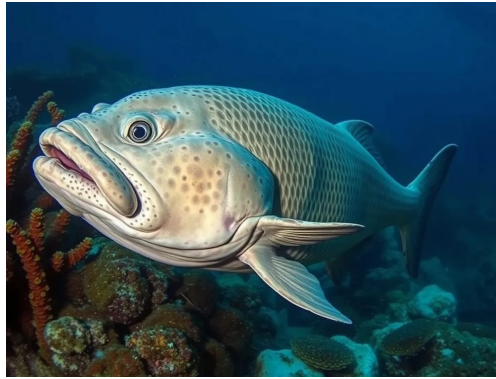


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## Goliath grouper

*Epinephelus itajara*

The Goliath grouper is one of the largest bony fish found in the Atlantic Ocean, easily recognized by its massive body, broad head, and mottled brown or yellowish skin. These formidable predators can...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Epinephelidae

**Habitat:** Shallow tropical and subtropical coastal waters, coral reefs, and mangroves

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Critically Endangered

**Lifespan:** 30–50 years

**Weight:** 200–360 kg (440–790 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Epinephelus itajara*

### Did you know?

- Goliath groupers can sometimes be seen 'gulp-feeding' on entire small sharks, demonstrating their impressive predatory power.
- Goliath groupers can create loud booming sounds with their swim bladders to communicate or defend territory. They have been documented preying on lar...

### What I learned

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