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Animal Fact Sheet

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Lumpfish

Cyclopterus lumpus

Cyclopterus lumpus is a lumpy, warty, near-globular fish of the cold North Atlantic that is a poor swimmer by design: the pelvic fins are fused into a broad adhesive disc on its underside, which it u…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cyclopteridae
Habitat: Cold marine coastal waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-10 years
Weight: 0.5–5 kg
Scientific name: Cyclopterus lumpus

Did you know?

- Lumpfish are increasingly being used in aquaculture as 'cleaner fish' to control sea lice in salmon farms.
- The lumpfish's suction disc can hold it fast against a current strong enough to tear a limpet from a rock, and hauled-up lumpfish will clamp to the i…

What I learned

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