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Animal Fact Sheet

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Northern Anchovy

Engraulis mordax

The Northern Anchovy is a small, schooling fish found along the Pacific coast of North America, ranging from British Columbia to Baja California. It has a slender, silver body with a bluish-green bac…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Engraulidae
Habitat: Coastal ocean waters
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 4-7 years
Weight: 2-40 grams
Scientific name: Engraulis mordax

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Northern Anchovies are one of the most important forage fish in the Pacific Ocean, supporting entire ecosystems and commerc…
- Northern Anchovies are filter feeders that consume tiny plankton by swimming with their mouths open. They are a key ingredient in culinary dishes suc…

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