

Animal Fact Sheet

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Ocean sunfish

Mola mola

The ocean sunfish, also known as *Mola mola*, is the world's heaviest bony fish, instantly recognizable by its flattened, disk-like body and truncated tail. It inhabits temperate and tropical oceans wo...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Molidae

Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zones) of temperate and tropical seas

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 10-25 years

Weight: 247–2,300 kg (545–5,070 lbs)

Scientific name: *Mola mola*

Did you know?

- Despite their size, ocean sunfish are often mistaken for sharks or other sea creatures due to their enormous dorsal and anal fins breaking the surfac...
- Ocean sunfish can grow up to 3.3 meters (11 feet) in length and weigh more than a car. They are famous for their habit of sunbathing near the surface...

What I learned
