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Animal Fact Sheet

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Oceanic Moonfish

Lampris guttatus

The Oceanic Moonfish, also known as the Opah, is a large, deep-bodied pelagic fish recognized for its striking, disc-shaped body and vibrant coloration. Its scales shimmer with silvery-blue and orang…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Lampridae
Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone)
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8-12 years
Weight: 50–270 kg (110–595 lbs)
Scientific name: Lampris guttatus

Did you know?

- The Opah can elevate its body temperature up to 5°C (9°F) above the surrounding water, allowing it to hunt more effectively in cold, deep waters.
- Moonfish are the only known fully warm-blooded fish; their large pectoral fins enable swift, agile swimming; they are often caught as bycatch in tuna…

What I learned

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