

Animal Fact Sheet

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Red drum

Sciaenops ocellatus

The red drum, also known as redfish or channel bass, is a large, copper-bronze colored fish native to the western Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. It is easily recognized by a distinctive black spot...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Sciaenidae

Habitat: Coastal and estuarine waters

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 20–40 years

Weight: 2–40 kg (4–88 lbs)

Scientific name: *Sciaenops ocellatus*

Did you know?

- Some red drums have lived to be over 40 years old in the wild, making them one of the longest-living coastal fish species in North America.
- Red drum can produce a drumming sound using muscles around their swim bladder, especially during spawning. They can tolerate a wide range of salinity...

What I learned
