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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 spo…

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 saliniti…

What I learned

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