

Animal Fact Sheet

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Sailfish

Istiophorus platypterus

The sailfish is a large, predatory fish renowned for its remarkable speed and distinctive dorsal fin, which resembles a sail. It is found in both the Atlantic and Indo-Pacific oceans, where it inhabi...

Quick facts

Classification: Fish

Family: Istiophoridae

Habitat: Open ocean (pelagic zone)

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 4-10 years

Weight: 40–100 kg

Scientific name: *Istiophorus platypterus*

Did you know?

- Despite their incredible speed, sailfish usually rely on stealth and teamwork rather than pure speed to capture prey.
- Sailfish are considered the fastest fish in the ocean, capable of short bursts up to 68 mph (110 km/h). Their iconic sail-like dorsal fin can be fold...

What I learned
