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Animal Fact Sheet

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Torpedo Ray

Torpedo marmorata

Torpedo rays (genus Torpedo) generate electricity from a pair of kidney-shaped organs sitting either side of the head, built from stacked columns of modified muscle cells called electrocytes wired in…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Torpedinidae
Habitat: Coastal marine environments, sandy and muddy bottoms
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 2-5 kg
Scientific name: Torpedo marmorata

Did you know?

- The name 'torpedo' comes from the Latin word for 'numbness' or 'paralysis,' referencing the numbing effect of its electric shock.
- Roman doctors treated headaches and gout by having the patient stand on a live torpedo ray, the first recorded use of electricity in medicine. Its el…

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