

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Yellowfin Tuna

*Thunnus albacares*

The yellowfin tuna is a large, fast-swimming pelagic fish known for its metallic dark blue back, yellow sides, and long, bright yellow dorsal and anal fins. It is one of the most important commercial...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Fish

**Family:** Scombridae

**Habitat:** Open ocean (pelagic zones) of tropical and subtropical waters

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Near Threatened

**Lifespan:** 6–7 years

**Weight:** 40–180 kg (88–397 lbs)

**Scientific name:** *Thunnus albacares*

### Did you know?

- Unlike most fish, yellowfin tuna are warm-blooded, allowing them to maintain a higher body temperature and be more active predators.
- Yellowfin tuna can reach speeds of up to 75 km/h (47 mph) when swimming. Their body shape and retractable fins are highly adapted for fast, efficient...

### What I learned

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