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Yellowfin Tuna

Thunnus albacares

The yellowfin tuna (Thunnus albacares) is a warm-water tuna reaching 2 metres and over 180 kilograms, named for the long, bright yellow second dorsal and anal fins, which in old fish grow into extrav…

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 keep their muscles warmer than the sea, but far less so than bluefin, which is why they stay in the tropics while bluefin can hunt in cold …

What I learned

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