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Animal Fact Sheet

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Yellowtail snapper

Ocyurus chrysurus

The Yellowtail snapper is a vibrantly colored marine fish, easily recognized by its yellow stripe running from the snout to its deeply forked, bright yellow tail. Native to the western Atlantic Ocean…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Lutjanidae
Habitat: Coral reefs and adjacent sandy or grassy areas in tropical marine waters
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 6-14 years
Weight: 1 to 5 kg
Scientific name: Ocyurus chrysurus

Did you know?

- Despite their popularity as a food fish, Yellowtail snapper populations are stable due to responsible fishing practices and their high reproductive r…
- Yellowtail snappers can rapidly change their coloration to communicate or camouflage with their environment. They are active both during the day and …

What I learned

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