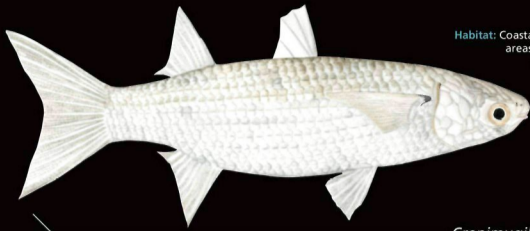


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Reef food fish of the Marshall Islands



Habitat: Coastal waters, over sandy or muddy areas of lagoons, reef flats and tide pools; enters harbors. 0–20 m.
Max. recorded size: 60 cm.
Food: Omnivorous.

Crenimugil crenilabis

löl • Fringelip mullet



Habitat: Occurs in lagoons, reef flats and is common along protected sandy shorelines.
Max. recorded size: 63 cm.
Food: Omnivorous.

Habitat: Common in surge zones of exposed seaward reefs.
Max. recorded size: 38 cm.
Food: Herbivorous but also feeds on crustaceans.

Acanthurus lineatus

Kwi • Lined surgeonfish



Liza vaigiensis

Aotak, akör • Squartail mullet



Habitat: Lagoon and seaward reefs. 1–35 m.
Max. recorded size: 70 cm.
Food: Algae and corals.

Chlorurus microrhinos

Mera • Steephead parrotfish



Habitat: Mostly found over hard, algal coated bottoms of exposed, surf-swept outer reef flats, lagoon and seaward reefs. 1–25 m.
Max. recorded size: 50 cm.
Food: Seaweed and associated invertebrates.

Kyphosus cinerascens

Bajrök • Blue sea chub



Lethrinus obsoletus

Dijiñ • Orange-striped emperor



Habitat: Lagoon and seaward reefs, in areas with rich coral growth. 1–20 m.
Max. recorded size: 73 cm.
Food: Exclusively fish.

Plectropomus areolatus

Jauwe • Squartail coralgroupier

Habitat: Hides in caves and under ledges of subtidal reef flats, channels and margins to outer reef slopes. 1–50 m.
Max. recorded size: 30 cm.
Food: Mainly plankton such as crab larvae.



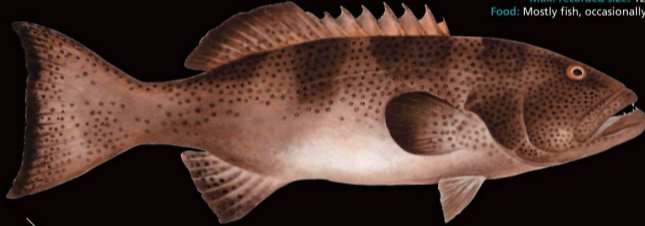
Myripristis berndti

Mön, mejakut • Blotcheye soldierfish



Lutjanus gibbus

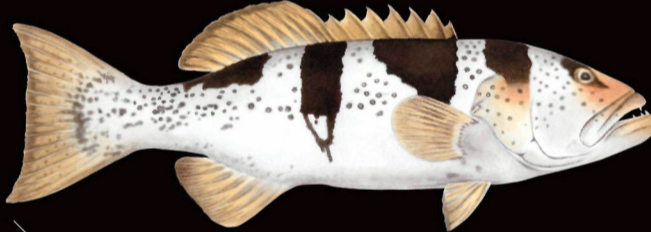
Jato, jaab • Humpback red snapper



Habitat: Lagoon and seaward reefs, in areas with rich coral growth. 4–100 m.
Max. recorded size: 125 cm.
Food: Mostly fish, occasionally crustaceans.

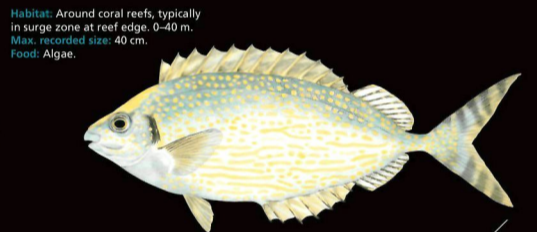
Plectropomus laevis
(dark form)

Akit • Blacksaddled coralgroupier



Plectropomus laevis
(pale form)

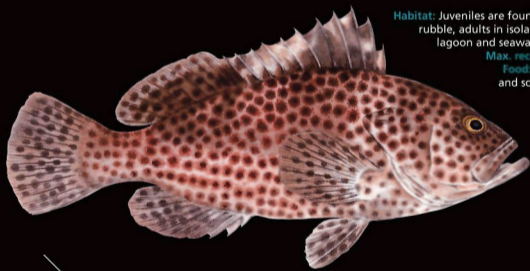
Talokbar • Blacksaddled coralgroupier



Habitat: Around coral reefs, typically in surge zone at reef edge. 0–40 m.
Max. recorded size: 40 cm.
Food: Algae.

Siganus argenteus

Mole, ellök • Streamlined spinefoot



Habitat: Juveniles are found in shallow coral rubble, adults in isolated coral heads of lagoon and seaward reefs. 2–100 m.
Max. recorded size: 60 cm.
Food: Fish, crustaceans, and sometimes octopus.

Epinephelus maculatus

Löjebjeb • Highfin grouper



Habitat: Lagoon pinnacles, channels, and outer reef slopes, in coral-rich areas and with clear waters. 1–60 m.
Max. recorded size: 120 cm.
Food: Fish, crabs and cephalopods.

Epinephelus fuscoguttatus

Küro, kolaolap • Brown-marbled grouper



Habitat: Clear lagoons and seaward reefs. 1–40 m.
Max. recorded size: 40 cm.
Food: Algae.

Siganus punctatus

Moramor • Goldspotted spinefoot



Habitat: Usually in clear-water areas at depths below 15 m, and prefers islands and offshore reefs. 3–250 m.
Max. recorded size: 83 cm.
Food: Fish, crabs, shrimp and stomatopods.

Variola louti

Kaikbät, wolalo • Yellowedged lyretail



Habitat: Sand and rubble areas near coral reefs. 1–100 m.
Max. recorded size: 60 cm.
Food: Gastropods, ophiuroids, echinoids and other invertebrates. Mostly feeds in the night-time.

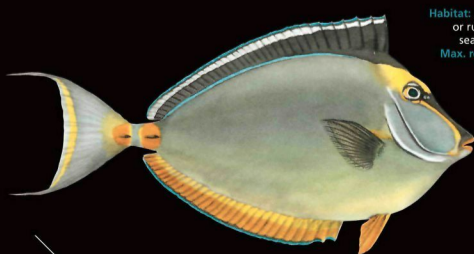
Upeneus vittatus

Jolokmöd • Yellowstriped goatfish

Habitat: Sandy lagoons and sheltered coastal waters. 5–100 m.
Max. recorded size: 28 cm.
Food: Mostly small crustaceans.

Monotaxis grandoculis

Möjani • Humpnose big-eye bream



Habitat: Areas of coral, rock, or rubble of lagoon and seaward reefs. 0–90 m.
Max. recorded size: 46 cm.
Food: Mainly leafy brown algae.

Naso lituratus

Bwilak • Orangespine unicornfish



Habitat: Channels, moats, lagoon and seaward reefs with strong surge. 1–180 m.
Max. recorded size: 70 cm.
Food: Mainly leafy brown algae. Mostly feeds in the daytime.

Naso unicornis

Mone • Bluespine unicornfish

Habitat: From reef flats to lagoon and seaward reefs. 1–120 m.
Max. recorded size: 51 cm.
Food: Crabs, shrimp and small fish. Mostly feeds in the night-time.

Sargocentron spinifera

Jera, maro • Sabre squirrelfish

