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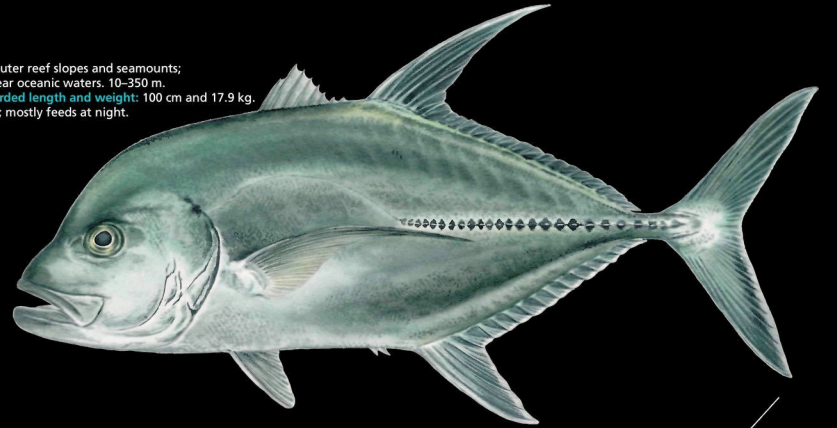
Bottomfish species of the Cook Islands

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts. 10–250 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 110 cm and 16 kg.
Food: mostly fish and invertebrates.



Paru kōmuri • Almaco jack *Seriola rivoliana*

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts; prefers clear oceanic waters. 10–350 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 100 cm and 17.9 kg.
Food: fish; mostly feeds at night.



Caranx lugubris Ru'i • Black jack

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts. 3–250 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 83 cm and 12 kg.
Food: mostly fish, but also crabs, shrimps and stomatopods.



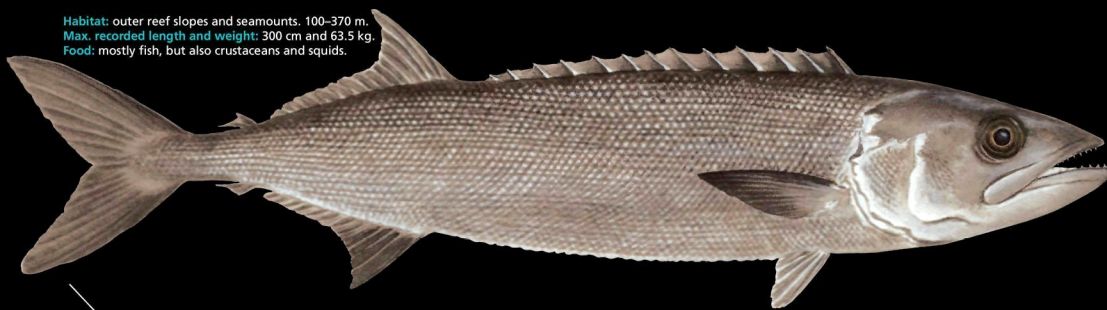
`Oka • Yellowedged lyretail *Variola louti*

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts. 80–370 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 90 cm and 6.7 kg.
Food: mostly fish and crustaceans.



Epinephelus morrhua Punga • Comet grouper

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts. 100–370 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 300 cm and 63.5 kg.
Food: mostly fish, but also crustaceans and squids.



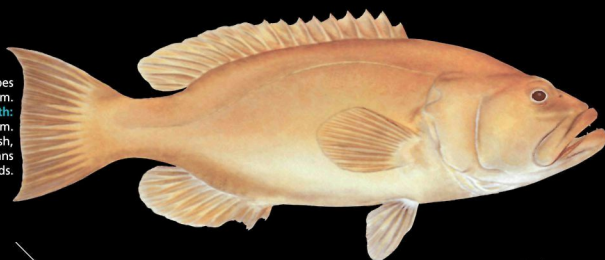
Vena • Oilfish *Ruvettus pretiosus*

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts, close to rocky bottoms. 70–300 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 50 cm and 1.8 kg.
Food: fish, shrimps, crabs, cephalopods and other invertebrates.



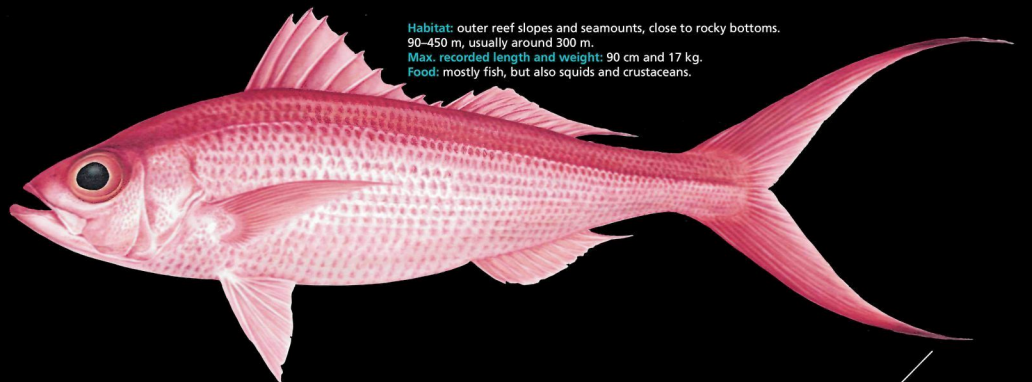
Pristipomoides zonatus Paru renga • Obliquebanded snapper

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts. 140–370 m.
Max. recorded length: 47 cm.
Food: mostly fish, but also crustaceans and squids.



Marau renga • Golden grouper *Saloptia powelli*

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts, close to rocky bottoms. 90–450 m, usually around 300 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 90 cm and 17 kg.
Food: mostly fish, but also squids and crustaceans.



Etelis coruscans Marau • Flame snapper

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts; migrates to midwater at night. 100–750 m.
Max. recorded length: 100 cm.
Food: mostly fish, but also cephalopods and crustaceans.



Mangā ru'i • Mangā • Roudi escolar *Promethichthys prometheus*

Habitat: outer reef slopes and seamounts. 90–450 m, usually around 300 m.
Max. recorded length and weight: 128 cm and 35 kg.
Food: mostly fish, but also squids and crustaceans.



Etelis carbunculus Paru marau • Ruby snapper



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