

Golden Trevally

Gnathanodon speciosus

Range /Habitat

- Occurs throughout the Indo-Pacific and in the eastern Pacific from the southwestern coast of Baja California and the Gulf of California to Ecuador.
- Found in deep lagoons and seaward reefs at depths to about 33 feet (10 m).

Physical Characteristics

- Adult golden trevally can reach 3.6 feet (110 cm) in length.
- The color of the juvenile and young adult golden trevally is bright yellow to silvery with alternating broad and narrow black bars. The fins are yellow.
- The adults are silver in color and have a few black blotches or spots on their sides. If bars are present, they are very faint.
- The species has thick and fleshy lips and a tall crescent-shaped caudal fin.

Diet/Feeding

Diet consists of small fish, crustaceans and other invertebrates.

Conservation Status

"Not Evaluated" on the IUCN Red List.

Additional Information

- The small juvenile golden trevally will live among the tentacles of jellyfish.
- Juveniles and adults form schools.
- Noted for its behavior of swimming closely around sharks and other large fish to gain protection from likely predators. It will also swim close to divers.
- Golden trevally is commercially fished in small numbers and sold fresh, dried or salted.
- Raised in fish farms for food and the aquarium trade.

Source

www.fishbase.org

Coral Reef Fishes. Lieske, E. and Myers, R., pg. 41

