

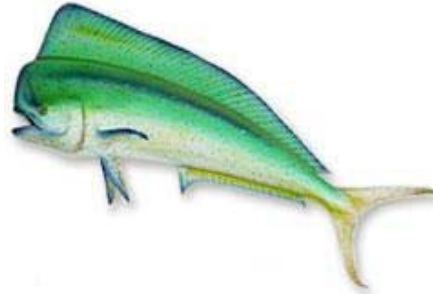


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# MAHI MAHI (DOLPHINFISH) SUSTAINABILITY FACT SHEET



Latin Name	<i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>
FAO Name	Common Dolphinfish
Area of Catch	Indian Ocean (FAO 87)
Regulatory Agencies	None

Mahi Mahi (*Coryphaena hippurus*) is a highly migratory species that can be found in tropical and sub-tropical waters throughout the world. Prolific spawners, this species reproduces repeatedly; recent research suggests spawning occurs every 2-3 days. Females have 33,000 to 66,000 eggs per spawning event. Although there is no solid evidence spawning is thought to occur year round in waters 75 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, but the peaks vary with latitude (Fishwatch, NOAA). This species also has an extremely fast growth rate reaching maturation at 4-5 months, although the life span is fairly short with the max at 5 years.

The National Marine and Fisheries Service suggest that both the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean populations are healthy. The highly migratory aspect of this species lends itself to resisting overfishing, since repeated fishing does not occur from a single habitat area (Food and Water Watch). The population status of Mahi Mahi has not been formally assessed but they are assumed stable and no overfishing appears to be happening (Fishwatch, NOAA). Cannon Fish Company Mahi Mahi comes from South America and Asia, and according to the NOAA catch trends in the Pacific indicate that specific management measures for this species are not yet necessary.

Cannon Fish Mahi Mahi is caught using artisanal vessels using a hand line method, or with commercial long line. No giant long-liners or purse-seiners involved. No overfishing is occurring with this stock and no regulatory management measures are set up.