



FACTSHEET

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Common Name: Buffalo Bream/
Silver Drummer

Scientific Name: *Kyphosus sydneyanus*

Noongar Name: Djilba

Conservation Status: The waters around Rottnest Island are a designated Marine Reserve. Some parts of Rottnest' reefs are included the Marine Sanctuary Zones shown in the Rottnest Island Marine Management Strategy (2007).

Habitat: Coral reef

Body length: 60-80 cm

Description:

The Buffalo Bream is an oval shaped fish with a strong body. It is silver with a blackish bar on bottom of its tail fin (the Western Buffalo Bream) does not have this bar. This fish is quite large and has a small mouth for its size.

Diet:

Brown algae, weed

In the Wild:

These fish are very common around Rottnest Island and is one of the largest fish to be seen very often. They live in schools. Schools of juveniles and small adults prefer to live in sheltered bays. Schools of large adults are found further out over deeper water reefs. These fish inhabit same reef system for long time and can become territorial.

Threats:

- Habitat destruction
- Over-fishing
- Pollution

DID YOU KNOW?

These fish are often seen but are hardly ever eaten. This is because they have grey weedy-flavoured flesh which does not taste good!

