



FACT SHEET

Dane

Porcostoma dentata

Family: Sparidae

Other common names: Deen

Description

A small, colourful, stocky seabream with a distinctive orange-red colour. Has a purple and yellow line between the eyes. There are conspicuous forward-pointing canines in each jaw.

Distribution

Endemic to southern Africa, mainly between Beira and Port St Johns. Strays sometimes recorded as far south as Knysna.

Habitat

Occurs on offshore reefs often in the vicinity of pinnacles or drop-offs at depths from 15-120 m.

Feeding

Benthic carnivore feeding on a variety of invertebrates such as basket stars, mantis shrimps, polychaete worms, crabs and hermit crabs.

Movement

Little information but believed to be resident.

Reproduction

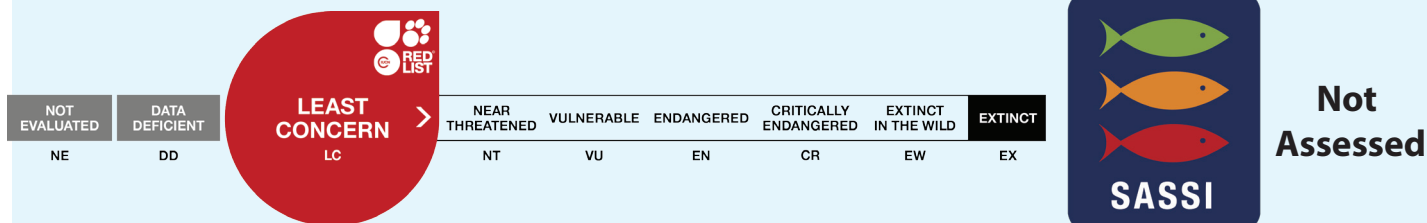
Little known but they reach maturity at about 15 cm fork length and spawning occurs in spring.

Age and growth

They can reach a maximum size of 42 cm total length and a weight of about 1 kg. They have not been aged.

Current status

This species has not been assessed, however, there was little change in catch per unit effort of commercial linefishing vessels between 1985 and 2007. They have been evaluated as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List (2014).
South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) List:
Not assessed.



Capture

Commonly caught by commercial and recreational ski-boat fishermen along the KwaZulu-Natal and Transkei coast, but generally taken as a bycatch as they are too small to be targeted. Often retained by crew as "fry" in the commercial fishery, but mostly released by recreational fishermen.

Current recreational fishing regulations

Daily bag limit: 5 per person per day
Minimum size limit: None
Closed Season: None
Other regulations: None
Marine protected areas (MPAs): Likely to receive some protection in the larger no-take MPAs along the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal coast that have suitable reef habitat.

Reference

Information from the ORI Fish App. www.saambr.org.za



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