

FACT SHEET

Indian Mirrorfish

Alectis indica

Family: Carangidae

Other common names: Indian threadfish, Indiese speelvis

Description

An unusual kingfish with a deep, strongly compressed body. Has a steep, almost vertical head profile and larger specimens tend to have elongated hindquarters. Bodies of adults are iridescent silver in colour with blue to black fins. Juveniles have six faint vertical bars on the flanks and their dorsal, anal and pelvic fin rays extend into long trailing plumes. Similar in appearance to the threadfin mirrorfish *Alectis ciliaris*, which can be distinguished by its rounder head profile.

Distribution

Widely distributed in the Indo-Pacific from East Africa to Japan. In southern African waters they have been found as far south as Algoa Bay.

Habitat

An inshore species found over sandy bottoms and reefs areas to depths of 100 m. Adults are wide ranging and often found in shoals. Juveniles normally solitary and will enter estuaries.

Feeding

Diet consists primarily of crustaceans, squid and small fish.

Movement

Unknown.

Reproduction

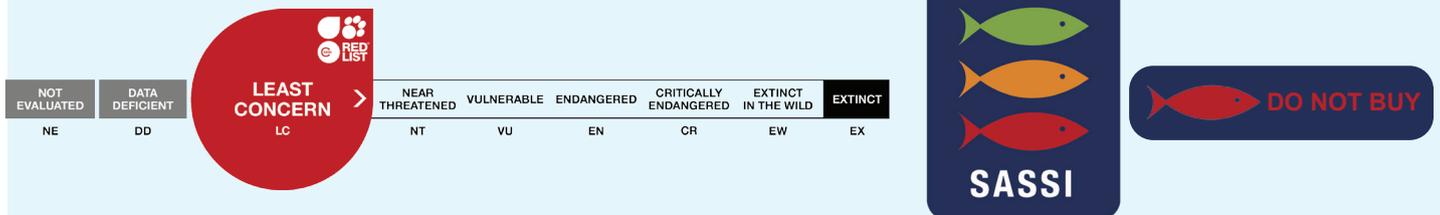
There is little information on the reproductive biology of this species.

Age and growth

They can reach a maximum size of about 165 cm total length and a weight of 25 kg. They have not been aged.

Current status

Not assessed in South Africa. They have been evaluated as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List (2016).
South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) List: Red.



Capture

Occasional specimens can be caught from the shore and off ski-boats. They are also sometimes shot by spearfishermen. Elsewhere they are caught in beach-seines, gillnets and taken as bycatch in prawn-trawl fisheries.

Current recreational fishing regulations

Daily bag limit: 5 per person per day
Minimum size limit: None
Closed Season: None
Other regulations: No sale recreational species.
Marine protected areas (MPAs): It is likely that this species receives protection in well enforced inshore no-take areas throughout their distribution.

Reference

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



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