



FACT SHEET

John Brown

Gymnocrotaphus curvidens

Family: Sparidae

Other common names: Blue-eye JB, Janbruin

Description

A deep-bodied, stocky fish that has a dark brown colour and a blue ring around the eyes. They have a steep forehead with a protruding jaw and large yellow protruding teeth.

Distribution

Endemic to South Africa, False Bay to Port St Johns.

Habitat

Mostly shallow reef areas but known to occur to depths of 50-80 m.

Feeding

Redbait, seaweed, bryozoans, polychaete worms and small crustaceans.

Movement

A highly resident species.

Reproduction

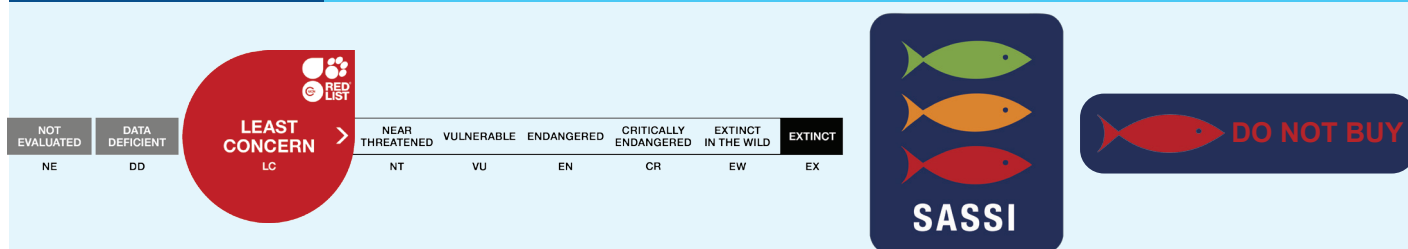
Little is known about the reproductive biology of this species.

Age and growth

They can reach a maximum size of 50 cm total length and a weight of 3.7 kg. They have not been aged.

Current status

The stock has not been assessed and little is known about their current status. They have been evaluated as Least Concern on the IUCN Red List (2014).
South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) List: Red.



Capture

Easy to approach underwater and thus mainly taken by spearfishers diving in shallow to moderate depths (5-20 m). Occasionally taken by shore anglers fishing with redbait in rocky, turbulent water. Rarely taken by recreational ski-boat anglers.

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): All no-take MPAs within the distributional range of this species that have suitable habitat are likely to provide protection.

Reference

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



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