

NISI IKA KAINA MASANI O TUVALU

Some popular food fish of Tuvalu (2)

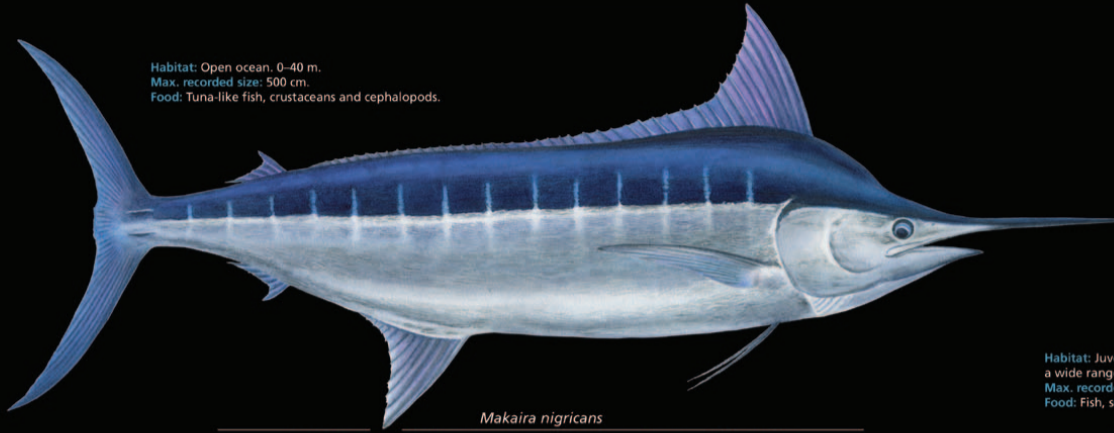
Habitat: Open ocean (but often close to shore), 0–20 m.
Max. recorded size: 27 cm.
Food: Zooplankton.



Cypselurus poecilopterus

Isave (Ffuti, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Hahave (hipa) (Nmaga, Nmea)
Sasave (NTO) Onauti (Nui) • Yellow-wing flyingfish

Habitat: Open ocean, 0–40 m.
Max. recorded size: 500 cm.
Food: Tuna-like fish, crustaceans and cephalopods.



Makaira nigricans

Sakula (Ffuti, NTO, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Hakula (Nmaga, Nmea) • Blue marlin

Habitat: Open ocean, but often close to shore, 0–170 m.
Max. recorded size: 70 cm.
Food: Small shrimps and benthic invertebrates when inshore; zooplankton and fish larvae when offshore.



Selar crumenophthalmus

Atule (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP)
Bigeye scad

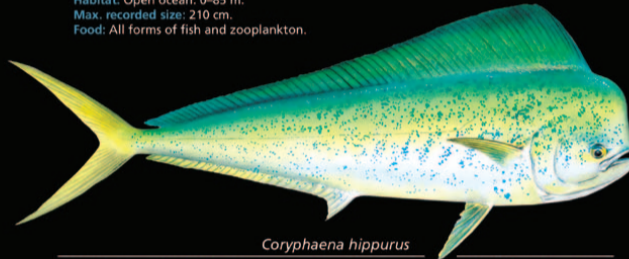
Habitat: Open ocean, 0–150 m.
Max. recorded size: 180 cm.
Food: Small fish and invertebrates.



Elagatis bipinnulata

Kamai (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) • Rainbow runner

Habitat: Open ocean, 0–85 m.
Max. recorded size: 210 cm.
Food: All forms of fish and zooplankton.



Coryphaena hippurus

Masimasí (Ffuti, NTO, Ntau, Nui, Nlae, VTP) Mahimahi (Nmaga) Vahivahi (Nmea)
Common dolphinfish

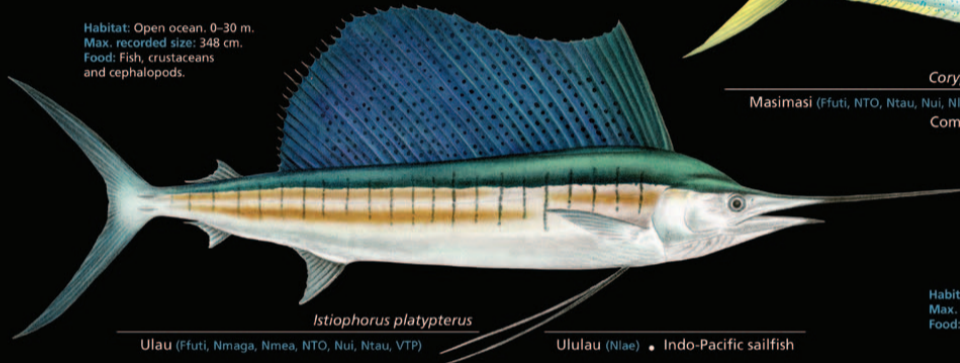
Habitat: Juveniles in shallow sheltered inner reef areas; adults in a wide range of habitats from inner reef areas to open seas, 0–100 m.
Max. recorded size: 200 cm.
Food: Fish, squid and sometimes shrimp.



Sphyræna barracuda

Ono (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) 'Nua (Nmea) Pauea (NTO) • Great barracuda

Habitat: Open ocean, 0–30 m.
Max. recorded size: 348 cm.
Food: Fish, crustaceans and cephalopods.



Istiophorus platypterus

Uluu (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Nui, Ntau, VTP) Ululau (Nlae) • Indo-Pacific sailfish

Habitat: Open ocean, 0–250 m.
Max. recorded size: 239 cm.
Food: Mostly fish, crustaceans and squid.



Acanthocybium solandri

Paala (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Te baara (Nui) • Wahoo

Habitat: Reef associated, 0–100 m.
Max. recorded size: 248 cm.
Food: Small schooling fish and squid.



Gymnosarda unicolor

Valu (Ffuti, Nmaga, NTO, Nui, Nlae, VTP) Kahikahi fua (Nmea) Atualo (Ntau)
Dogtooth tuna



Thunnus albacares

Takua (Ffuti, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Takuo (Nmaga, Nmea, NTO)
Yellowfin tuna

Te ingimea (Nui)

Habitat: Open ocean, 0–260 m.
Max. recorded size: 108 cm.
Food: Fish, crustaceans, cephalopods and molluscs.



Katsuwonus pelamis

Atu (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Te ati (Nui) • Skipjack tuna

Habitat: Outer reef slopes, seamounts and open ocean, 100–800 m.
Max. recorded size: 200 cm.
Food: Fish, crustaceans and squid.



Ruvettus pretiosus

Palu (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Nui, Ntau, VTP) Palu-kuakua (Nlae) • Oilfish

Habitat: Usually in clear-water areas at depths below 15 m, 3–250 m.
Max. recorded size: 83 cm.
Food: Fish, crab, shrimp and stomatopods.



Variola louti

Pula (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Nui, Nlae, VTP) Papa (Ntau)
Yellowedged lyretail

Habitat: Mostly over rocky bottoms, 3–150 m.
Max. recorded size: 50 cm.
Food: Zooplankton.



Paracaesio xanthurus

Palu ulia (Ffuti, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Palu ulihega (Nmea)
Palu pelupelu (NTO) • Yellowtail blue snapper

Habitat: Reefs and rocky bottom areas, 40–330 m.
Max. recorded size: 110 cm.
Food: Fish, squid and crustaceans.



Aphaeus rutilans

Palu palusega (Ffuti, Ntau, Nui, Nlae) Palusega (NTO, VTP) Palu taelepe (Nmaga)
Palu kootua (Nmea) • Rusty jobfish

Habitat: Outer reef slopes and seamounts, 70–300 m.
Max. recorded size: 50 cm.
Food: Fish, shrimp, crab, cephalopod and other invertebrates.



Pristipomoides zonatus

Palu savane (Ffuti, NTO, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Palu maatohi (Nmea)
Obliquebanded snapper

Habitat: Outer reef slopes and seamounts, 10–250 m.
Max. recorded size: 160 cm.
Food: Fish and sometimes invertebrates.



Seriola rivoliana

Palu matu (Ffuti, Nmaga, NTO, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Palu fuaika (Nmea) • Almaco jack

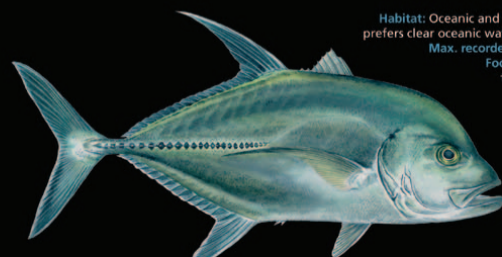
Habitat: Outer reef slopes and seamounts, 90–400 m.
Max. recorded size: 127 cm.
Food: Fish, squid, shrimps, crabs and zooplankton.



Etelis carbunculus

Palu malau puku (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) Te buki n lin (Nui)
Ruby snapper

Habitat: Oceanic and insular species; prefers clear oceanic waters, 10–350 m.
Max. recorded size: 100 cm.
Food: Fish (mostly feeds at night).



Caranx lugubris

Taufali (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Nui, Ntau, Nlae, VTP) • Black jack

Habitat: Outer reef slopes and seamounts, close to rocky bottoms, 90–400 m.
Max. recorded size: 120 cm.
Food: Small fish, squid, and crustaceans.



Etelis coruscans

Palu malau loa (Ffuti, Nmaga, Nmea, NTO, Ntau, Nlae) Te buki n lin (Nui)
Flame snapper

