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Scientific Name: -*Caranx carangus*

Family: Carangidae

Common Name: Blue runner or hardtail jack

Physical Characteristics:

Streamlined and elongated body with a forked tail. Bluish-green or greenish-blue dorsally, fading to silver or white ventrally. They have a prominent black spot on the gill cover and a dark band that runs from the eye to the tail. It can reach up to 50 centimetres (20 inches) or more.

Geographical Distribution:

Found in warm, coastal waters of the western Atlantic Ocean, ranging from the USA to Brazil, including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

Economic Importance:

It plays a significant role in both commercial and recreational fisheries and contributes to the ecological balance of marine ecosystems. Conservation efforts are essential to ensure the sustainability of its populations and the health of its habitats.



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