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Scientific Name: *Elops saurus*

Family: Elopidae

Common Name: Ladyfish

Physical Characteristics:

Ladyfish have elongated, slender bodies and deeply forked tails. They typically have silvery scales and a bluish or greenish tint on their back. Their mouths are large and equipped with small teeth.

Geographical Distribution:

Found in the western Atlantic Ocean from New England and Bermuda down to Brazil, including the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea.

Economic Importance:

Although not a major target for commercial fisheries, it holds significant value in recreational fishing and local markets. Its role in the ecosystem as both predator and prey underscores its importance in maintaining marine biodiversity. Sustainable management and habitat protection are key to preserving the economic and ecological benefits provided by *Elops saurus*.



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