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Scientific Name: *Trichiurus lepturus*

Family: Trichiuridae

Common Name: Large-headed hairtail or belt fish

Physical Characteristics:

Cutlassfish have a distinctive appearance characterised by their elongated, ribbon-like bodies, which are flattened from side to side. They have a long, pointed snout and a single dorsal fin that extends along much of their body length. Their



body colouration varies, often including shades of silver, blue, or green.

Geographical Distribution:

Atlantic, Indian, and Pacific Oceans with significant populations around Asia, America, and Africa.

Economic Importance:

They are vital both ecologically and economically. Their widespread distribution and significant role in fisheries underscore the need for sustainable management that balances exploitation and conservation.