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海洋十寶

Drummers of the sea – Yellow croaker

海洋鼓手 — 黃花魚

English common name: Yellow croaker

中文名稱：黃花魚



Credit: Richard Huang

Where you can find them:

- ❖ They occur in coastal waters and estuaries of northwest Pacific, Yellow Sea, East and South China Sea.

Fun facts:

- ❖ They produce a drumming sound to communicate because they dislike strong light and prefer turbid waters.
- ❖ Fishermen can locate them easily because of their repeated drumming sounds.
- ❖ Major ingredient of one of the Chinese signature dishes “Yellow croakers with Pine nuts”.

What situation they are in:

- ❖ Major threat to them is overfishing because of the high demand as seafood.
- ❖ They can actually live up to 29 years but most of them were caught before maturity.
- ❖ Currently there is no law in Hong Kong to protect them.

How you can help:

- ❖ Consume artificially cultured Yellow croakers instead of wild ones.

分佈：

- ❖ 分佈在太平洋的西北面、黃海、東中國海和南中國海的沿岸水域和河口流域。

趣味小檔案：

- ❖ 由於不愛強光、愛在混濁的水中生活，故會發出鼓鳴聲協助溝通。
- ❖ 重覆的鼓鳴聲會暴露其行蹤，易被漁民發現。
- ❖ 是中國出名的菜餚「松子黃魚」的主要材料。

現況：

- ❖ 由於市場對黃花魚有極大需求，故出現過度捕撈的情況。
- ❖ 可生存 29 年，但是大部份都在未成熟前被撈獲。
- ❖ 時至今日仍未受法律保障。

保育小貼士：

- ❖ 避免進食野生捕捉的黃花魚，改為進食由人工繁殖的飼養黃花魚。