



Ahi • Yellowfin Tuna • Shibi (Japanese)
Thunnus albacares

Weight: 30-150 lb, maximum weight recorded: 405 lb
Lifespan: 6-9 years, maximum age recorded: 9 years

Prey: Fishes, crustaceans and squid
Water Depth: 0 to 820 ft
Estimated Recreational Catch*: 8.9 million lb

Yellowfin tuna are prized as much for sport as they are for food, especially in sushi bars. They are among the largest tunas caught in Hawaiian waters and are packed with strength and speed. Their sleek bodies are dark blue on top and light silver below. Some of their fins are yellow, with the dorsal (top) and anal (lower rear) fins extending to the tail on some mature adults.

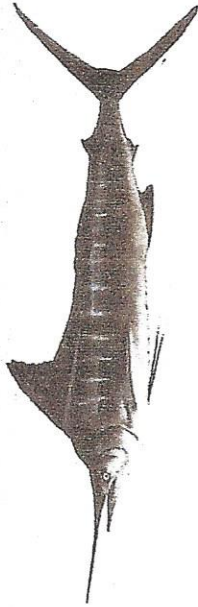


Aku • Skipjack Tuna
Katsuwonus pelamis

Weight: 5-20 lb, maximum weight recorded: 45 lb
Lifespan: 8-12 years, maximum age recorded: 12 years

Prey: Fishes, crustaceans, squid and mollusks
Water Depth: 0 to 850 ft
Estimated Recreational Catch*: 1.6 million lb

Aku are abundant tunas that are commonly caught recreationally in Hawaii. Their bodies are dark purplish blue on top and silver below. Their sides are marked with 4 to 6 dark horizontal stripes. The Hawaiian Tuna Packers Cannery (Coral Tuna brand), established in 1917 at Kewalo Basin, operated for 67 years. In its time, the cannery annually canned as much as 13 million pounds of aku caught by local pole-and-line wooden sampans. Although aku are plentiful, the cannery closed in 1984 due to the impacts of global economic changes.



Au • Striped Marlin • Nairagi (Japanese)
Kajikia audax

Weight: 25-125 lb, maximum weight recorded: 494 lb
Lifespan: 10+ years

Prey: Fishes, crustaceans and squid
Water Depth: 0 to 650 ft
Estimated Recreational Catch*: 30,000 lb

Striped marlin are energetic game fish, seen leaping out of the water at great speeds. They have slender bodies that are dark blue on top and silver below, with well-defined vertical stripes along the sides. Their dorsal (top) fins are the same height as their body and their bills are spear-like and sharp.

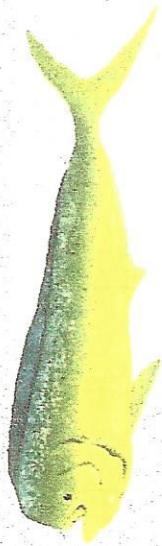


Au • Blue Marlin • Kajiki (Japanese)
Makaira nigricans

Weight: 80-300 lb, maximum weight recorded: 1,805 lb
Lifespan: 20+ years, maximum age recorded: 27 years

Prey: Fishes, crustaceans and squid
Water Depth: 0 to 650 ft
Estimated Recreational Catch*: 220,000 lb

Blue marlin are known for their strength, grace, and endurance. Their bodies are cobalt-blue on top and silver below, with vertical stripes along the sides. They also have long, sharp bills. Female blue marlins are larger than males. The largest known blue marlin landed by rod and reel was caught on Oahu in 1970, weighing in at 1,805 lb! Today, many are caught, tagged and released during fishing tournaments.

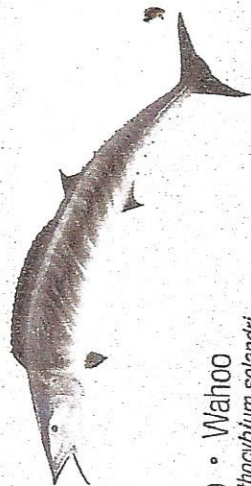


Mahimahi • Dolphinfish or Dorado
Coryphaena hippurus

Weight: 8-25 lb, maximum weight recorded: 88 lb
Lifespan: 2-4 years, maximum age recorded: 4 years

Prey: Flying fish, crabs, squid and other fishes
Water Depth: 0 to 280 ft
Estimated Recreational Catch*: 2.5 million lb

Mahimahi are lively and colorful fish, with brilliant blues and greens on their sides and black and white to golden hues below. Males have large, blunt heads and are sometimes referred to as "bulls." Females have smaller and round heads. Once caught, mahimahi are known to flip through the air with speed while their bodies flash iridescent colors ranging from yellow to blue.



Ono • Wahoo
Acanthocybium solandri

Weight: 8-30 lb, maximum weight recorded: 184 lb
Lifespan: 5-9 years, maximum age recorded: 9 years

Prey: Fishes, crustaceans, squid and mollusks
Water Depth: 0 to 30 ft
Estimated Recreational Catch*: 820,000 lb

Ono swim through the ocean in pursuit of their prey at speeds up to 50 mph, making them one of the fastest and most exciting fish to catch. Their bodies are long and slender with dark blue tones on top and silver below, with vertical stripes along the sides. They have long mouths lined with razor-sharp teeth that can easily bite through fishing line.