

Save the Endangered Humphead Wrasse in Kenya



Why save the humphead wrasse?

- Listed in CITES as endangered
- Red listed by IUCN
- Naturally rare
- Excites reef divers
- Continually fished for food
- Under threat of extinction



A fisherman displays humphead wrasse at Shimoni landing site

Where is it found?

The fish (also known as **maori** or **Napoleon**) is scantily distributed across the Indian Ocean, Red sea and in the central Pacific Ocean. In Kenya, it is sparingly found along the entire coastline.

Life cycle



Juvenile



Sub-adult



Adult

Mapping exercise

Facts about humphead wrasse

- The biggest of reef fishes
- Grows to over 2 meters
- Can weigh up to 190 kg
- Primarily carnivorous
- A loner fish
- Changes sex from adult females to adult males
- Feared by fishers in Kenya due to its robustness



How can you help save the endangered wrasse?

- Report the place, estimated weight and length of humphead wrasse sightings to COMRED (tel +254 (0) 73 85 71 956 or +254 (0) 72 51 39 003, website www.comredafrica.org)
- Donate equipment or cash to aid humphead wrasse monitoring in Kenya