

# BLACKSPOT TUSKFISH

## FACT FILE

### Scientific name

*Choerodon schoenleinii*



### Feeds on

Crustaceans, molluscs and sea urchins.

### Habitat

Shallow reef structure – usually less than 20m in depth.



### Grows to

**100cm**

### Can weigh up to

**16kg**

### Life expectancy

**17 years**

### Maturity

**2 years**

## Did you know?

Blackspot tuskfish have been recorded using tools – smashing open a mollusc on a rock.

Blackspot tuskfish are an easy target in the right areas which makes them susceptible to localised depletion. Consider keeping just a single fish for a feed then moving on.

Blackspot tuskfish are protogynous hermaphrodites, meaning they start life as females and change sex to males once they reach a certain size.

## RECORDS

### World record

Bribie Island, Qld

**9.5kg**



## HOW TO FISH

### Best technique

Lightly weighted crab bait.

### Best WA location/s

North of Exmouth

### Best time

All year

### RFW top tip

Blackspot tuskfish cannot resist an unweighted crab bait but make sure you use a heavy leader as they are renowned for their power and wrapping your line around sharp reef.

Photo by Reef Chief Australia

More info: [recfishwest.org.au/fishing-for-science](http://recfishwest.org.au/fishing-for-science)



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