

# GOLDEN TREVALLY

## FACT FILE

### Scientific name

*Gnathanodon speciosus*



### Feeds on

Small fish, crustaceans and molluscs.

### Habitat

Low-lying reef and shallow sandflats.

### Identifying features

Distinguishable by their protractile jaws and thick rubbery lips.



### Grows to

**120cm**

### Can weigh up to

**18kg**

### Life expectancy

**11 years**

## Did you know?

Their thick, blubbery lips allow them to forage for, and suck out crustaceans and molluscs from the sand.

Golden trevally will often travel with larger species such as manta rays and sharks to protect them from other predatory fish.

Golden trevally reach sexual maturity later than other trevally species at approximately six years of age.

## RECORDS

### World record

Gladstone, Qld

**17.45kg**

### WA record

Exmouth, WA

**14.1kg**

## HOW TO FISH

### Best technique

Casting lures around coral bobbies and shallow sand flats.

### Best WA location/s

Exmouth, Dampier, Port Hedland and Broome.

### Best time

March–October.

### RFW top tip

Golden trevally will often be found on sand flats trailing sharks and rays. They feed on the small crustaceans being disturbed by the movement of the larger species.

Photo by Exmouth Fly Fishing

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