

RED EMPEROR

FACT FILE

Scientific name

Lutjanus sebae

Feeds on

Small fish, crustaceans and molluscs.

Habitat

Offshore coral reefs.

Maturity

Red emperor mature at approximately 8 years of age.



Grows to

116cm

Can weigh up to

33kg

Life expectancy

40 years

Did you know?

The Gascoyne, the Kimberley and the Pilbara each have their own separate biological stock of red emperor.

Limited mixing between populations in the Gascoyne, Kimberley and the Pilbara means that red emperor are managed as three different stocks.

While they are called an emperor they actually belong to the snapper family Lutjanidae.

ADVOCACY

Red emperor have a lot of stamina and will fight until they are in the boat making them a prime target for shark bite-offs. If you encounter sharks while fishing, consider moving to another location.

HOW TO FISH

Best technique

Jigging and bait

Best WA location/s

North of Exmouth

Best time

All year

RFW top tip

Use heavy gear to increase your chances of getting them past the sharks.

More info: recfishwest.org.au/fishing-for-science



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