

SPANISH MACKEREL

FACT FILE

Scientific name

Scomberomorus commerson



Feeds on

Pelagic fish and squid

Habitat

Coastal reefs and ledges

Maturity

Males reach maturity after one year while females reach maturity at around two years of age.



Grows to

2.4m

Can weigh up to

50kg

Life expectancy

20 years

Did you know?

Spanish mackerel in WA's north rarely move more than 100km, while those in southern waters will migrate vast distances with the Leeuwin Current.

Smaller fish are known to hunt in packs. Although, as they mature, they often travel and hunt alone.

If you want a feed of fresh fish, consider keeping a fast-growing pelagic fish such as the Spanish mackerel rather than a more vulnerable slow-growing demersal species.

HOW TO FISH

Best technique

Trolling lures around reefs in 10m to 20m of water.

Best WA location/s

North of Exmouth

Best time

Winter

RFW top tip

Spanish mackerel are famous for being twilight feeders so focus your effort around sunrise and sunset for your best chance at catching one.

RECORDS

World record

Scottburgh, South Africa

44.91kg

Australian record

Rottnest Island, WA

38.75kg

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



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