

Black-spotted croaker-The State Fish of Gujarat



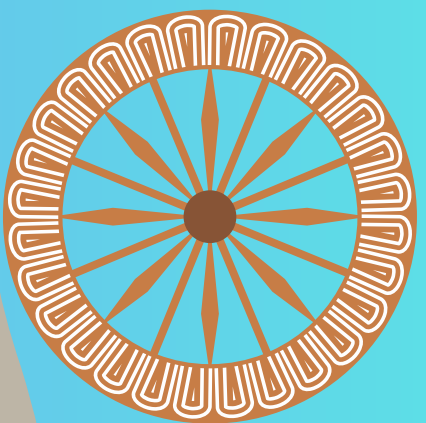
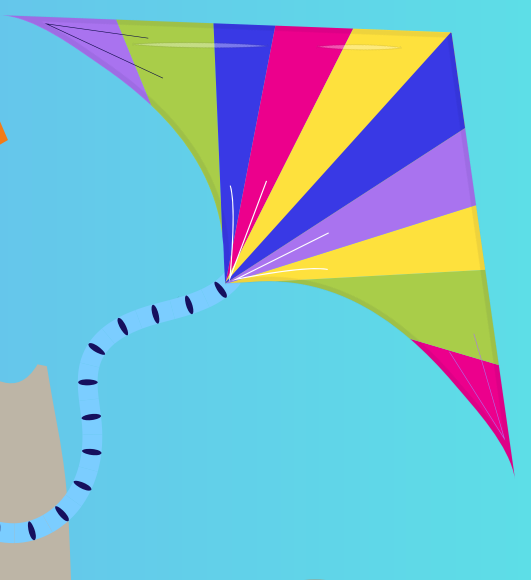
Adult



Protonibea diacanthus

Locally known as
Ghol

- Expensive fish considered a fisherman's lottery
- Ghol fish is also known as 'Sea Gold' for its high market value
- Found in coastal waters over muddy bottoms, off the sea-bed.
- Feed mainly on crustaceans and small fishes
- Air bladder dried and exported widely due to its medicinal value
- IUCN Red List: Near Threatened
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Juvenile

Average price of air
bladder:
approx. Rs. 5 lakhs/unit
length