



## FACT SHEET

### DUSKY RUBBERLIP

*Plectorhinchus chubbi*

**Family:** Haemulidae

**Other common names:** Donker rubberlip

#### Description

A silvery grey-brown coloured fish with no characteristic markings. Has a sloping, slightly rounded head profile and thick, fleshy lips.

#### Distribution

Indo-West Pacific distribution. In South African waters recorded as far south as Port Alfred.

#### Habitat

Adults found on rocky and coral reefs down to 80 m. Juveniles often associated with patches of drifting seaweed offshore.

#### Feeding

Omnivorous, feeding mainly on small crabs, shrimps, polychaete worms and small fish. Juveniles known to feed on small shrimps associated with rotting seaweed.

#### Movement

Little known, most likely resident based on limited tag-recapture data.

## Reproduction

Little known, pelagic eggs have been recorded off the KwaZulu-Natal coast in summer.

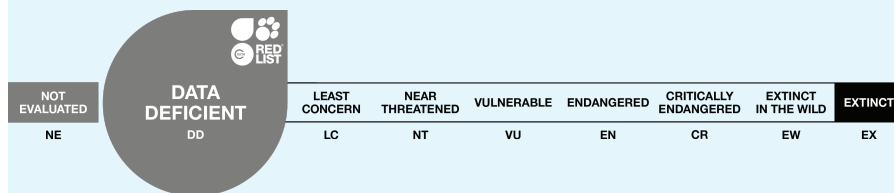
## Age and growth

They can reach a maximum size of 75 cm total length and a weight of 9.7 kg. They have not been aged.

## Current status

This species has not been assessed and little is known about their current status. They have been evaluated as Data Deficient on the IUCN Red List (2018).

South African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI) List:  
Not assessed.



## Capture

Mostly taken by spearfishers as they are often somewhat reluctant to take bait.

## Current recreational fishing regulations

**Daily bag limit:** 10 per person per day

**Minimum size limit:** None

**Closed Season:** None

**Other regulations:** None

**Marine protected areas (MPAs):** No-take MPAs along the KwaZulu-Natal and Transkei coasts, with suitable rocky reef habitat, are likely to provide protection for this species.

## Reference

Information from the ORI Fish App. [www.saambr.org.za](http://www.saambr.org.za)



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