



Humphead Wrasse

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About the Humphead Wrasse

The Humphead Wrasse is one of the most expensive live reef fishes in the world that can live to be over 30 years old. Governments in the coral triangle trade and consume these fishes, they often resort to very destructive fishing methods to catch them. This has led to the Humphead Wrasse becoming endangered. They can be up to 7 feet but are usually 2 feet long. They are protogynous hermaphrodites which means sometimes a female will become a male, and turn from a female's rusty red-orange colors to a male's bright blue-green colors.

TRUE!

With their price standing at \$100 US per kilogram, poachers take any chance they can to catch and sell them.



My Take Action Project

To raise awareness for the Humphead Wrasse, I decided to create an interpretive painting of the fish. I plan to donate this painting to Homeward to add some creativity and color to the shelter. Homeward is a shelter for women and children on the upper west side. I also drafted a letter to write to the head of homeless shelters in New York City (Administrator Joslyn Carter) advocating for more color to be added to shelters all over the city.

PAINTING



You can help by...

If you feel strongly about helping with brightening up shelters you can create or donate art to shelters to add color or maybe even volunteer to paint walls in shelters different colors.

If you want to help the Humphead Wrasse than you can raise awareness and advocate for poachers to stop overfishing in the Indo-Pacific region where they reside.

Links to organizations

https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/climate_law_institute/index.html

<https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/directory>

Learn more about the Humphead Wrasse

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