



SHARK **FACTS**

RABBIT FISH

A single, mildly **POISONOUS** dorsal spine can cause painful stings



WHERE DO THEY LIVE?



They are encountered at depths between 980-1,640 ft in the Mediterranean Sea and the Eastern parts of the Atlantic Ocean

RABBIT FISH (Chimaera monstrosa)

- ▶ Also known as the rat fish, the rabbit fish gets its name from their large eyes, nostrils, and tooth plates
- ▶ They feed mainly on bottom-living invertebrates, but have also been identified as opportunistic feeders. This means they can adapt their diets in a food-restricted environment
- ▶ Because of their high lipid levels, they are targeted for their liver oils by fisheries to manufacture dietary supplements. They are classified as "Near Threatened" on the IUCN Red List

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