

Biology of a recreationally important serranid, the breaksea cod *Epinephelides armatus*

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- **Recreational species**
- **Occupies reefs**
- **Lives for about 20 years**
- **Maturity (females ~ 300 mm; males ~ 250 mm)**
- **Males grow faster and substantially larger than females**
- **Gonochoristic (separate sexes)**
- **Gonadal development very unusual for a serranid**