

Ministry of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Major Marine Fish Types by Commercial Group

Commercial group	English Name (Common Name)	Scientific Name	Sinhala Name
Seer	Spanish mackerel	<i>Scomberomorus commersoni</i>	Thora
	Wahoo	<i>Acanthocybium commersoni</i>	Sawara
Paraw	Jack, Trevallies	<i>Carangoides gymnostethus</i>	Vattiya
		<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>	Thumba parawa
		<i>Caranx ignobilis</i>	Atanagul Parawa
		<i>Caranx hebiri</i>	Guru parawa
Balaya	Skipjack tuna	<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Balaya
Kelawalla	yellowfin tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Kelawalla
Other Blood fish	Sail fish	<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>	Thalapath
	Marlins	<i>Makariya indika</i>	Kalu koppara
		<i>Makariya mazara</i>	Nil koppara
		<i>Tetrapturus audax</i>	Iri koppara
	Sword fish	<i>Xiphias gladius</i>	Sappara
	Big eye tuna	<i>Thunnus abesus</i>	Esgedi kelawalla/Kenda
	Bullet tuna	<i>Auxis rochei</i>	Ragodu/kombaya
	Frigate tuna	<i>Auxis thazard</i>	Alagoduwa
Kawakawa	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	Attawalla	
Sharks	Mackerel shark	<i>Isurus sp.</i>	Mee mora
	Thresher shark	<i>Alopias sp.</i>	Kasa mora
	Requiem sharks-silky shark	<i>Carcharhinus Falciformis</i>	Honda mora/Bala maora
	Ocean white strip shark	<i>Carcharhinus Longimanus</i>	Polkola mora
	Blue shark	<i>prionace gluaca</i>	Seeni mora/Hudja Mora
	Hammerhead shark	<i>Sphyrna sp.</i>	Udalu mora
Skate	Batoid Fisher- shovelnose rays	<i>Rhinobatos sp.</i>	Baloliya
	String rays	<i>Dasyatis sp.</i>	Welli maduwa
	Spotted eagle rays	<i>Aetobatus narinari</i>	Vavoi maduwa
	Javanees cownose rays	<i>Rhinoptera javanica</i>	valuvadi cownose ray
	Numbfishers	<i>Narcine sp.</i>	Electric ray
	Manta and devil rays	<i>Mobula sp.</i>	Ali maduwa and Anga maduwa
Rock Fish/Galmalu	Spangled emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	Meewetiya/Atissa
	Longface emperor	<i>Lethrinus olivaceus</i>	Uru hota
	Sharptooth jobfish	<i>Pristipomoides typus</i>	Kalamee
	Blubberlip snapper	<i>Lutjanus rivulatus</i>	Badawa
	Mangrove red snapper	<i>Lutjanus argentimaculatus</i>	Thabalaya
	Blackspot snapper	<i>Lutjanus fulviflamma</i>	Ranna
	Malabar grouper	<i>Epinephelus malabaricus</i>	Gas bola/Gal kossa

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Rock Fish/Galmalu	Wavylined grouper	<i>Epinephelus undulosus</i>	Lawaya
	Coral hind	<i>Cephalopholis miniata</i>	Thabuwa
	Sri Lanka sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus ceylonensis</i>	Boraluwa
	Threadfin breams	<i>Nemipterus sp.</i>	Suddaha
	Parrotfishes	<i>Scarus sp.</i>	Girawa
	Rabbitfish	<i>Siganus so.</i>	Orawa
	Barracudas	<i>Sphyraena sp.</i>	Jeelawa
	Mullets	<i>Liza sp.</i>	Godaya
Shore Seine	Trenched sardinella	<i>Amblygaster sirm</i>	Hurulla
	Bleeker's smooth belly	<i>Amblygaster clupeioides</i>	Gal Hurulla
	Smoothbelly Sardinells	<i>Amblygaster clupeioides</i>	Keeramin
	Rainbow sardine	<i>Dussumieria acuta</i>	Thondaya
	White sardine	<i>Escualosa thoracata</i>	Wella sudaya
	Shad	<i>Nematalosa nasus</i>	Koiya
	Goldstripe sardinella	<i>Sardinella gibbosa</i>	Kalawenna/Salaya
	White sardinella	<i>Sardinella albella</i>	Sudaya
	Bigeye scade	<i>Selar crumenophthalmus</i>	Bolla
	Indian mackerel	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Kumbala
	Anchovy	<i>Stolephorus sp.</i>	Halmessa
	Ribbon fish	<i>Lepturacanthus savalaa</i>	Savalaya
	Gar fisher	<i>Belonidae</i>	Habarali
	Thryssa	<i>Thryssa sp.</i>	Lagga
	Silverbiddies	<i>Gerres sp.</i>	Thirali
	Pony fish	<i>Leiognathus sp.</i>	Karalla
	Ilishas	<i>Ilish sp.</i>	Puvali
Half beaks	<i>Hemiramphus sp.</i>	Moralla	
Flying fish	<i>Cheilopogon sp.</i>	Piyamessa	
Prawns	Giant river prawn	<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i>	Karadu issa
	Indian white shrimp	<i>Penaeus indicus</i>	Kiri issa
	Giant tiger prawn	<i>Penaeus monodon</i>	Karawandu issa
	Green tiger prawns	<i>Penaeus semesulstus</i>	kurutu issa
Lobster	Scalloped spiny lobster	<i>Panulirus homorus</i>	Weli issa
	Ornate spiny lobster	<i>Panulirus ornatus</i>	Devi issa
	Pronghorn spiny lobster	<i>Panulirus penicillatus</i>	Gal issa
	Painted spiny lobster	<i>Panulirus versicolor</i>	Bathik issa/Raga issa
	Slipper lobster		<i>Panulirus polyphagus</i>
		<i>Scyllarus sp.</i>	Sapathuwa
Other	Squids	<i>Loligo singhalensis</i>	Bothal della
		<i>Loligo duvauceli</i>	Ahin della
	Cuttle fish	<i>Sepia pharaonis</i>	Gebi della/Pothu della
		<i>Sepia aculeata</i>	Pothu della
Octopus	<i>Octopus sp.</i>	Buwalla	

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Other	Sea Cucumber (Beach de mer)	<i>Holothuria fucogilva</i>	Ham attaya/White tearfish
		<i>Holothuria scabra</i>	Welli attaya/Sand fish
		<i>Holothuria nobilis</i>	Polon attaya/Black teatfish
		<i>Bohadschia marmorata</i>	Nul attaya/Chalky fish
		<i>Actinopygs miliaris</i>	Kalu attaya /Black fish
		<i>Holothuria edulis</i>	Rathu attaya/Pinkfish
		<i>Holothuria atra</i>	Nari attaya/Lolyfish
		<i>Theienota ananas</i>	Annasi attaya/Prickly redfish
		<i>Thelenota anax</i>	Punattaya/Amberfish
		<i>Srichopus chloronotus</i>	Dabalaya/Green fish
	Crabs	<i>Portunus pelagicus</i>	Seenakali/Blue swimming crab
		<i>Scylla serrata</i>	Kalapu kakuluwa/mangrove crab
		<i>Portunus spp.</i>	Mudu kakuluwa

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