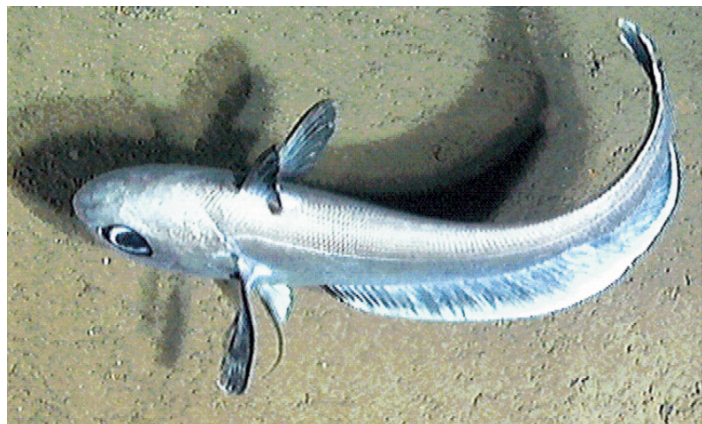


Roundnose Grenadier

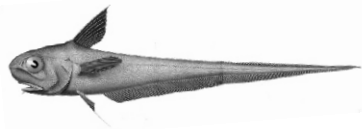
Coryphaenoides rupestris



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Species Description

The Roundnose Grenadier is a medium brown to greyish deepwater fish, up to 1.1 m long (1.7 kg), with large eyes and a long, pointed tail. It has a pointed dorsal fin and an elongated pelvic fin. Its mouth, the area around its eyes, and its fins are blackish to brownish grey. There is a small button-shaped plate on the tip of its snout, and a small barbel under its chin. It can be recognized by its broad, rounded snout and short, compacted head that is 15% of its body length.

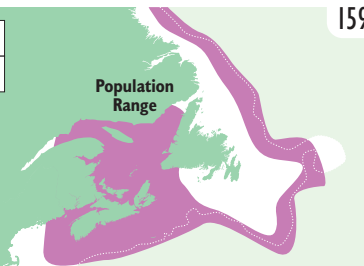


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Key ID Features: *large eyes *long tail *rounded "button" snout *compacted head

STATUS 	Endangered COSEWIC
	Not Listed SARA

Occurs along the continental slope and mid-Atlantic ridge of the North Atlantic Ocean. It is more common off of Labrador and Newfoundland, but can be observed along the Scotian Shelf. This population has declined by more than 98% since 1978.



Population Range

Interesting Points

- Also known as "rattails". Their long fragile tails sometimes break off in fishing trawls.
- Can live for 60 years!
- Lives at depths of 180-2600 m.
- Makes daily vertical migrations.
- Can form large schools.

Threats

- Overfishing. Targeted in directed fisheries and also caught and discarded as bycatch in commercial fisheries targeting other species (cod, redfish, and other flounders).
- Increased natural mortality may also slow recovery.



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Roundnose Grenadier from trawl

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