

# What's in a Vaquita's Lunchbox?



## Fish

Vaquitas eat fish that live on or near the ocean floor. Like all whales, vaquitas do not chew their food. They swallow it whole. Two kinds of fish vaquitas eat are the Gulf croaker and sharpnose anchovy.

### **GULF CROAKER** (*Micropogonias megalops*)

LENGTH: 16 inches (40 cm)

FOUND: as deep as 328 ft (100 m)

HOME: Gulf croakers live in estuaries, lagoons, deep water, and river mouths in the Gulf of California.

FACT: Fish in the croaker family make croaking or drumming sounds by vibrating muscles against their swim bladders.

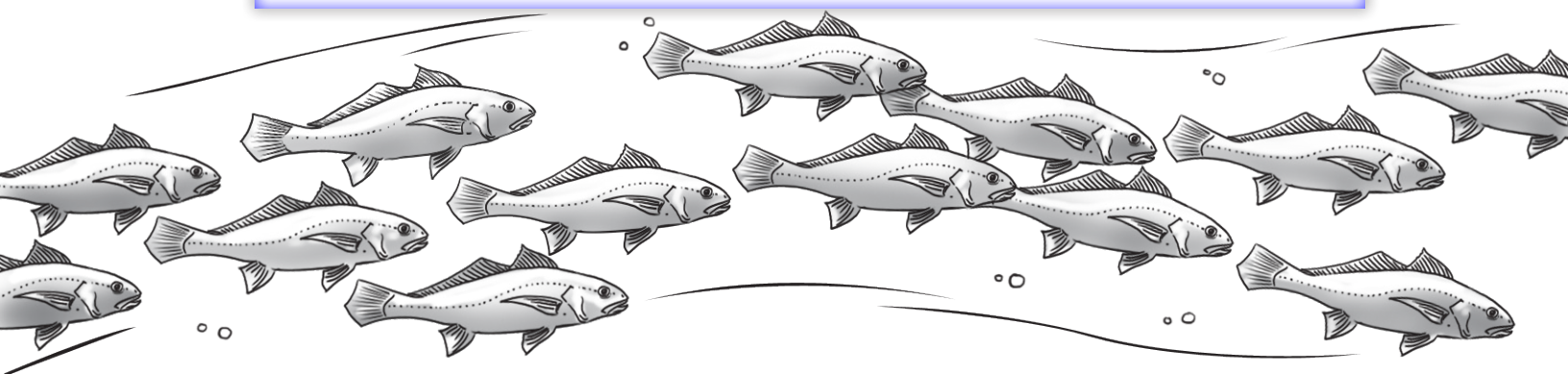
### **SHARPNOSE ANCHOVY** (*Anchoa ischana*)

LENGTH: 3.7 to 5.5 inches (9.5 to 14 cm)

DIET: plankton, fish eggs, and larvae

FOUND: up to 160 ft (50 m)

FACT: Anchovies swim in large schools, or groups. They are eaten by many ocean animals, as well as people.



These two kinds of fish are accidentally caught in nets set for shrimp and other animals. **Help save vaquita and other ocean animals by eating sustainably caught seafood.** Learn more about sustainable seafood in WhaleTimes "What is Sustainable Seafood?" fact sheet.