



Why This Mysterious Fish Captivated the Internet

Description

In February, researchers from a group called [Condrik Tenerife](#) were near Tenerife Island. They were looking for sharks when they saw something strange.

Photographer David Jara Boguñá recorded a humpback anglerfish ([Melanocetus johnsonii](#)) swimming close to the surface. This fish has never been seen alive in the sunlight. It usually lives deep in the ocean, between 200 and 600 meters down.

The video made many people feel empathy on social media. Some people see the anglerfish as a symbol or a hero. This shows that people are starting to change how they think about deep-sea animals.

Anglerfish are smaller than many think. The one filmed was a female, around 15 centimeters long. The female has a glowing lure to catch prey. The male is much smaller and attaches to the female for life.

Sadly, the fish died after being seen. Its body will be studied at the Museum of Nature and Archaeology in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Anglerfish** /'æŋ.gləɹ.fɪʃ/ (noun): A type of fish known for its bioluminescent lure used to attract prey.
2. **Empathy** /'ɛm.pə.θi/ (noun): The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.
3. **Luminescent** /,lu:.mɪ'ne.sənt/ (adjective): Emitting light not caused by heat.
4. **Symptom** /'sɪmptəm/ (noun): A sign or indication of something often related to a condition or phenomenon.
5. **Prey** /preɪ/ (noun): An animal that is hunted and killed by another for food.
6. **Strange** /streɪndʒ/ (adjective): Unusual or surprising in a way that is unsettling or hard to understand.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Where were the researchers from who were near Tenerife Island in February?

Option: Condrik Tenerife

Option: National Geographic



Option: Discovery Channel

Option: BBC Earth

2. What type of fish was recorded by photographer David Jara Boguñá swimming close to the surface?

Option: Humpback anglerfish

Option: Great white shark

Option: Bluefin tuna

Option: Swordfish

3. At what depth does the humpback anglerfish usually live?

Option: Between 200 and 600 meters

Option: Near the surface

Option: Below 100 meters

Option: Higher than 600 meters

4. How long was the filmed female anglerfish?

Option: 15 centimeters

Option: 30 centimeters

Option: 45 centimeters

Option: 60 centimeters

5. What is the purpose of the glowing lure of the female anglerfish?

Option: To catch prey

Option: To attract a mate

Option: To scare off predators

Option: To communicate with other fish

6. Where will the body of the anglerfish be studied after its death?

Option: Museum of Nature and Archaeology in Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Option: Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C.

Option: British Museum in London

Option: Louvre Museum in Paris

True-False

7. The humpback anglerfish is commonly found close to the surface.

8. The male anglerfish is larger than the female counterpart.



9. The video of the humpback anglerfish caused negative reactions on social media.
10. The anglerfish was studied at the Museum of Nature and Archaeology while still alive.
11. The anglerfish seen in the video was the first one ever recorded.
12. The male anglerfish attaches to the female for life.

Gap-Fill

13. The humpback anglerfish usually lives deep in the ocean, between 200 and _____ meters down.
14. The female anglerfish filmed was around _____ centimeters long.
15. The anglerfish body will be studied at the Museum of Nature and Archaeology in Santa Cruz de _____.
16. The humpback anglerfish has never been seen alive in the _____.
17. Some people see the anglerfish as a symbol or a _____.
18. The anglerfish is known for its glowing _____ to catch prey.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Condrik Tenerife 2. Humpback anglerfish 3. Between 200 and 600 meters 4. 15 centimeters 5. To catch prey 6. Museum of Nature and Archaeology in Santa Cruz de Tenerife

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 600 14. 15 15. Tenerife 16. sunlight 17. hero 18. lure

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