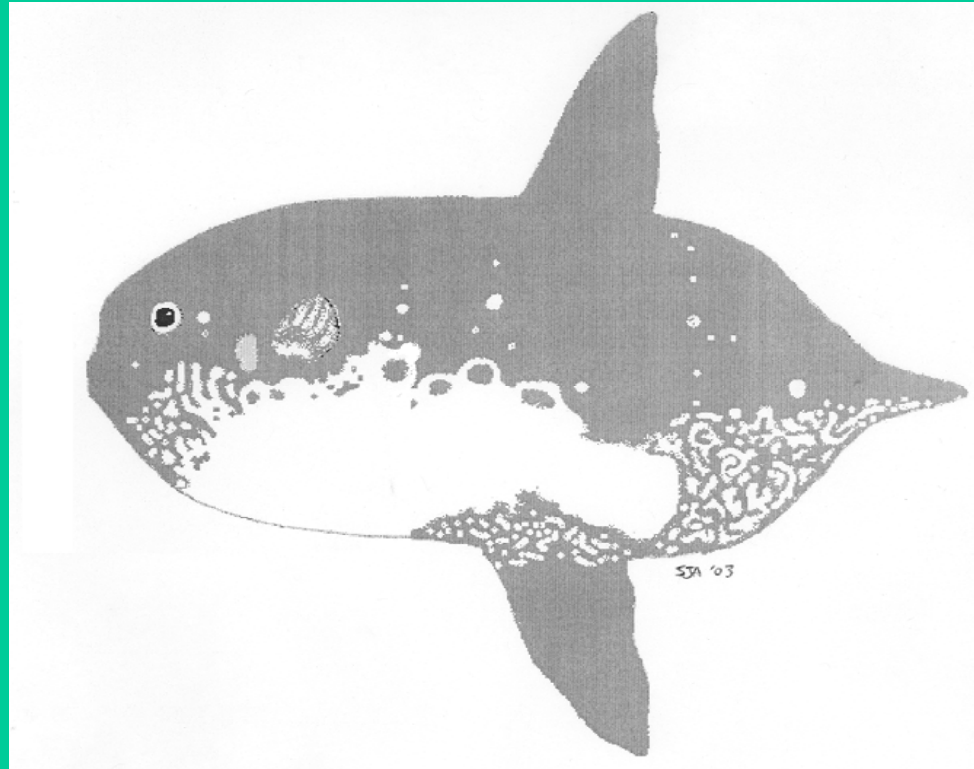


# THE MOLAS



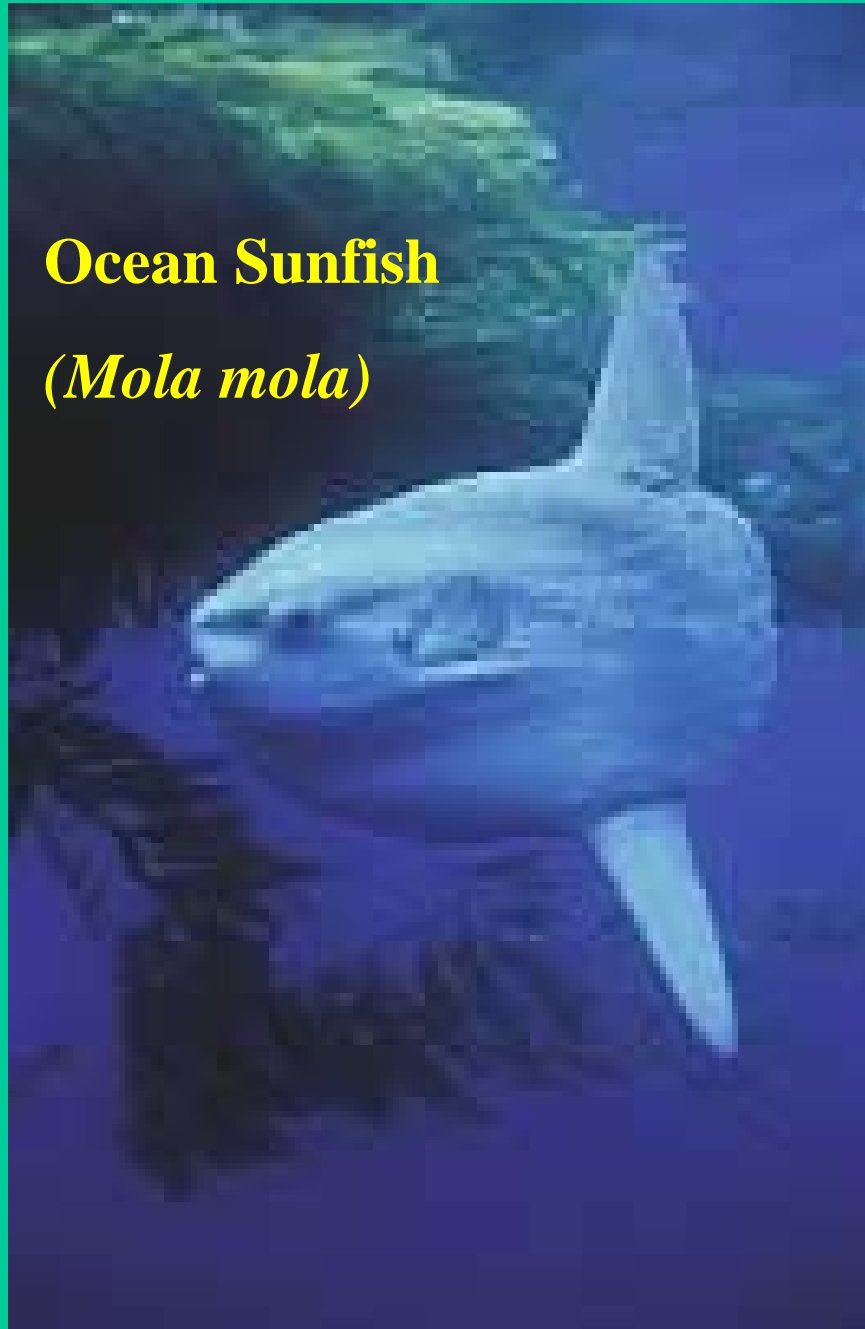
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# MOLAS

- Common mola (a.k.a. Ocean sunfish)
- Sharp-tailed mola
- Slender mola

## Ocean Sunfish

*(Mola mola)*





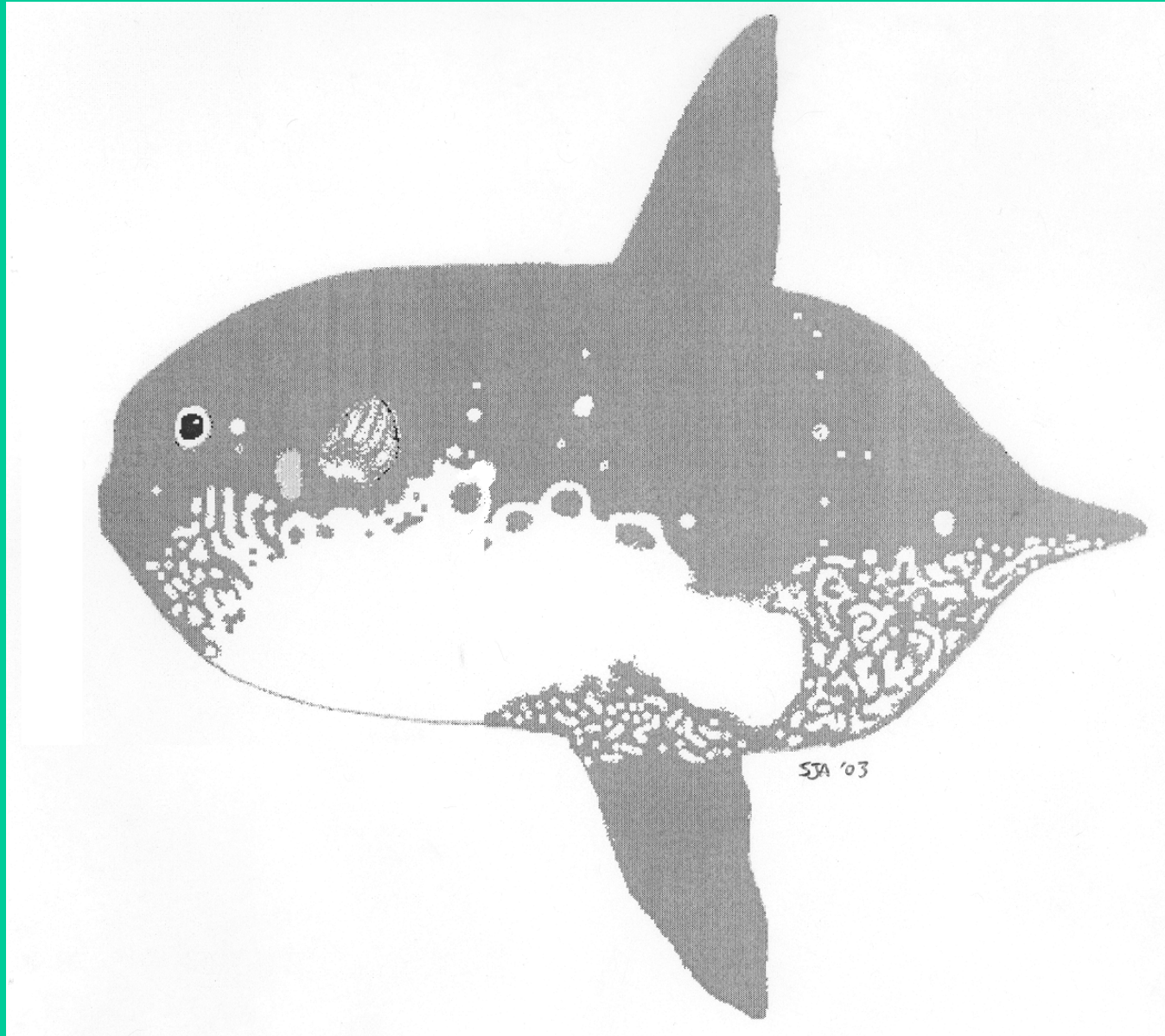


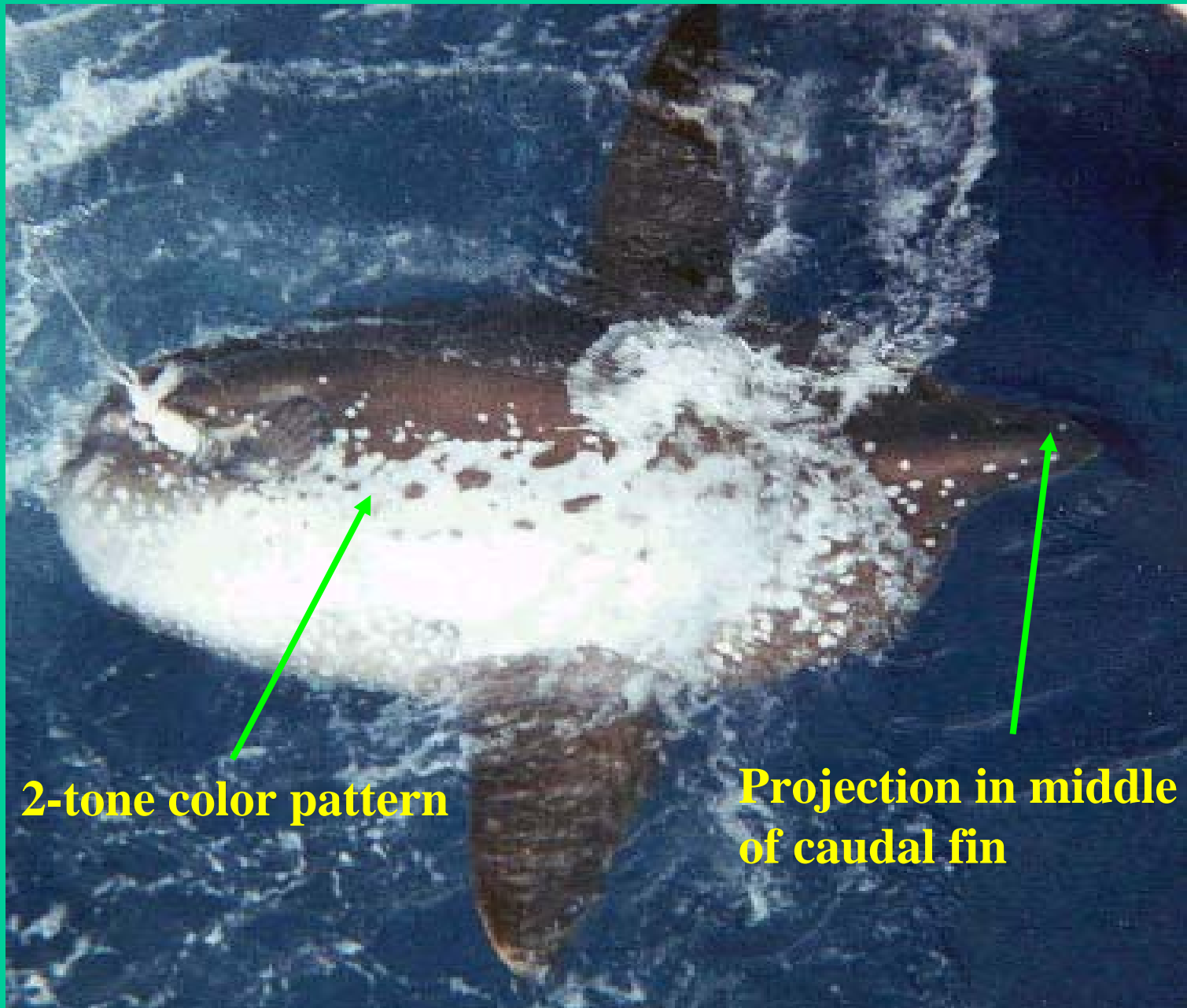
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**Ocean sunfish or  
Common mola.**



# Sharptail Mola (*Masturus lanceolatus*)





**2-tone color pattern**

**Projection in middle of caudal fin**





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**Slender Mola**  
*(Ranzania laevis)*



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