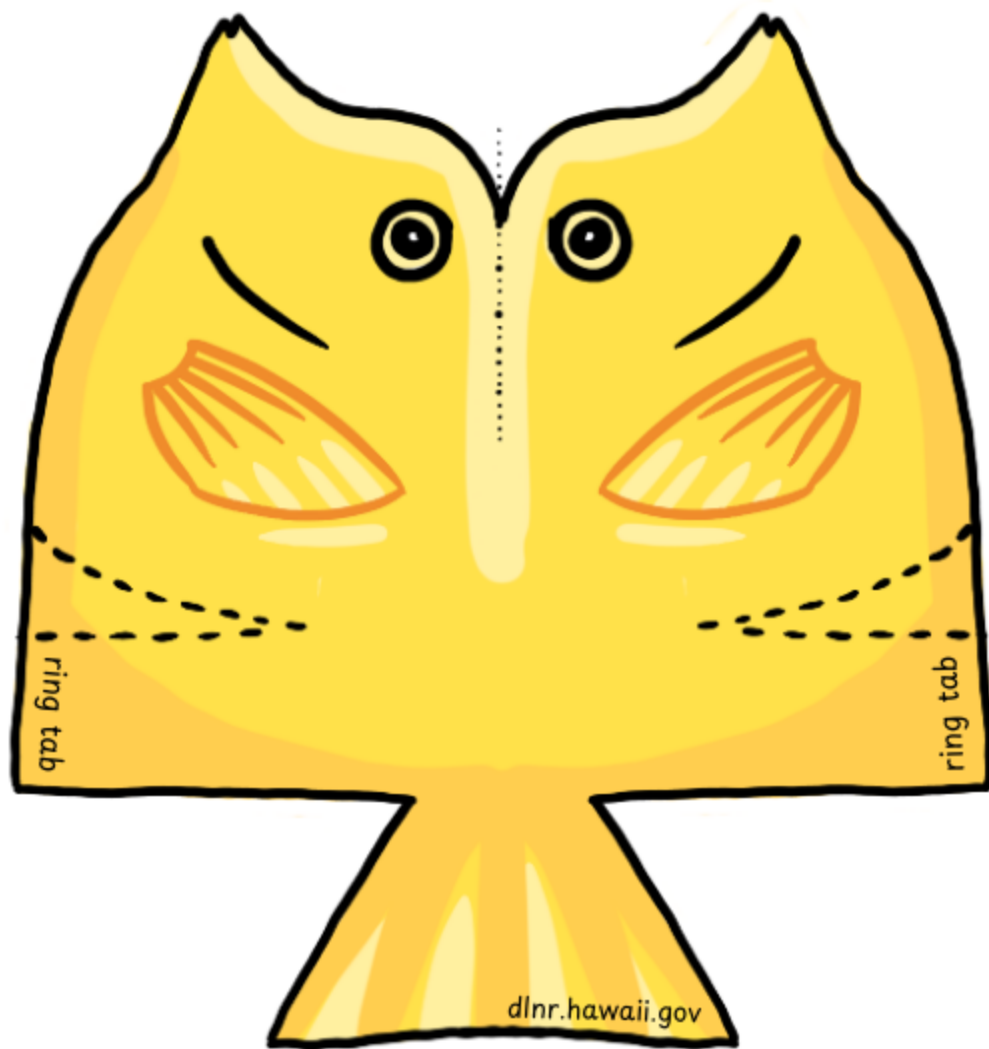


# Ka lau'ipala (Yellow Tang) finger puppet



1. Print on heavy card stock. Cut out the body and tail along the solid black outline of the fish.
2. Cut along the black dotted lines behind the head of the fish and remove that piece.
3. Fold along the dotted line between the eyes while matching up both sides of the mouth. Glue the two sides of the face together using a glue stick.
4. Staple or tape the bottom edge of the fish to keep the sides together. Be sure to only fasten the edge, as your finger will need to fit in the opening between the two pieces once the puppet is complete.
5. Bend ring tabs down to form a ring that fits your finger. Tape overlapping tabs together.
6. Have fun swimming around!

## All about ka lau'ipala (Yellow Tang)

- Yellow Tang can grow up to 8 inches (20 cm) long and are a little larger than a silver dollar pancake.
- Yellow Tang live in tropical waters in the Pacific Ocean, from Japan to Hawai'i.
- They spawn primarily during the full moon.
- Yellow Tang have a scalpel-like spine near their tails to protect themselves against predators. When mating, males change color and have a "shimmering" behavior.
- Yellow Tang can live for decades, with some living to be 41 years old.
- Yellow Tang play a crucial role in coral reef ecosystems by keeping algae in check.
- They also help sea turtles by eating algae off their shells.