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**WITH ITS BIGGER-THAN-MICK-JAGGER'S** lips, and its doleful (slightly gormless?) expression, the humphead, Maori or Napoleon wrasse, *Cheilinus undulatus*, is the biggest member of the wrasse family, and one of the biggest fish on the reef. These beautiful, and often friendly and inquisitive fish, have been firmly on IUCN's Red List for some time, listed as Endangered.

They are one of the most expensive fish in the world, and their capture for the aquarium trade, as well as for the dinner table, continues to threaten their future, and the future of the reefs they inhabit, as poachers often resort to legal and destructive fishing methods to catch them.

*“Conservation is a state of  
harmony between men and land”*

*Aldo Leopold, 1887–1948*