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How Do Barracudas Reproduce?

Short Answer Key

1. Barracudas reproduce through external fertilization, where the female lays eggs and the male releases sperm over them.
2. Spawning aggregations help increase the chances of eggs being fertilized and reduce the risk of predators eating them.
3. Young barracudas move to coastal areas with mangroves and seagrass beds for shelter and protection.
4. No, barracudas do not care for their young. Once the eggs are fertilized, the adults leave them to survive on their own.
5. Barracuda eggs are buoyant so they can float freely in the ocean currents and develop in open water.