

Herring



Biology facts

Depth Range	benthopelagic, 0–364 m
Max Age	22 years
Maturity Age	2-5 years
Max Size	45 cm
Max Weight	1.05 kg
Prey	zoobenthos, zooplankton, detritus, nekton and plants
Other	Occurs from the northern Bay of Biscay northward to Iceland and southern Greenland, eastward to Spitsbergen and Novaya Zemlya, including the Baltic Sea, southwestern Greenland and Labrador southward to South Carolina.

Fishery Facts

Latin Name	<i>Clupea harengus</i>
Fishing Method	midwater and pelagic trawl, gill netters, seines, weirs, spart fishery, pond and trap nets, danish seines, purse seiner, drift net, some statistic gears and as bycatch in some mesh fisheries
Annual catch	2 403 543 t (FAO 1999), 2 244 595 t (FAO 2006)
Market	mostly Europe
Main fishing nations	Norway 821 435 t and Iceland 343 769 t (FAO 1999)
Certification	Different fisheries of the North Sea Herring have been certified by the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) as well-managed and sustainable: The Thames-Blackwater Herring Driftnet, the Hastings Fleet Pelagic Herring, the Pelagic Freezer Trawler Association, the Scottic Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd and the Astrid Fiske fisherie by pelagic pure-seines.

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Main Concerns

- Most Herring fisheries are OK according to Greenpeace´ Seafood Guide.
- But there is a high risk that current fishing is caught a decline and that stocks are not harvested sustainable, especially for the stocks of the following regions: North Sea, Skagerrak/Kattegat, west Scotland, northern Ireland, the eastern channel and the Baltic Sea.

Main Sources

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