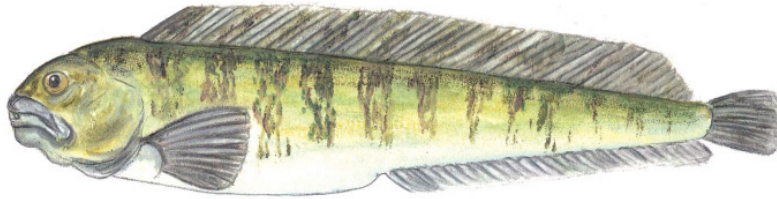


Atlantic Wolffish



Biography facts

Depth Range	demersal, 1-600m
Max Age	ca. 25 years
Maturity Age	6-7 years
Max Size	150 cm
Max Weight	24 kg
Prey	fishes, hard-shelled mollusks, crabs, lobsters, sea urchins and other echinoderms

Fishery Facts

Latin Name	<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>
Fishing Method	otter trawler, long line, Danish seines, gillnets and hand line
Annual catch	39 591 t (FAO 1999), 28 794 t (FAO 2006)
Main fishing nations	Russian Federation 23 794 t and Iceland 13 804 t (FAO 1999) Iceland 2007: 7 819 t by bottom trawlers, 6 645 t by long-line 1 555 t by Danish seine and 88 t by gillnet (ICES 2008)
Certification	not certified

Main Concerns

- In the Northwest Atlantic Wolffish was listed as a “Species of Concern” in 2004 and remains so. Stock remain overexploited and severely depleted.
- There is no information on stock status of wolffish in European water (Fishonline).
- by-catch: Atlantic Wolffish are primarily taken as by-catch in otter trawl fisheries.

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- **Wolffish are long living species. They reach maturity at age 6-7 years . Such characteristics make Wolffish very vulnerable to fishing pressure.**

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