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*Loligo vulgaris*, (Lamarck, 1798)

 European squid



## Size

Can reach 40cm in length but most often is between 15 and 25 cm. Within this species, males are generally larger than females and exhibit faster growth rates.



## Habitat?

Moves between 50 and 400 meters depth and is therefore quite difficult to observe, except during the spawning period (spring - summer) when returning to coastal waters.



## Diet

Eats mostly planktonic organisms, but has also been seen eating herrings, sprats, and *ammodytes* (sand lance).

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## Origins

Traditionally inhabits the Mediterranean, the western Baltic, the northwest Atlantic, the English Channel and the North Sea.



## Interesting Facts

Changes color very quickly and within an amazing range, thanks to chromatophores (pigmented cells in the dermis).

To feed, it uses two long arms to grab its prey and brings them back to its mouth while also injecting a poison called cephalotoxin, which paralyzes its prey. The poison is powerful and is even capable of killing a rabbit!