



*Lophius piscatorius* (Linnaeus 1758)

*Lophius budegassa* (Spinola, 1807)

 Anglerfish



## Size

Adult, my maximum length is 200 cm. My average length fluctuates between 70 and 100 cm.



## Habitat

I am a benthic, solitary and territorial fish . in other words, I live in hostile areas, in depth, and I am not afraid of the dark! I like the sandy and muddy bottoms of the coast (below 20 m), even rocks near the edge in some cases. I can reach a depth of 1,800 meters, but I am usually found between 20 and 100 m.



## Diet

I am a good hunter! I lie half buried in the sediment or camouflaged among the algae while waiting for my prey.

My dorsal fin does the rest, attracting the curious like a fishing rod. As the prey approach, I open my mouth causing a suction that is hard to resist. I eat fish and crustacean.

Source: FishBase, DORIS, FAO



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## My trip

I like to discover new places! I am found in the eastern Atlantic from Iceland to Mauritania. I also know the Mediterranean and the Black Sea very well. Note: specimens from the North Atlantic reach larger sizes than those collected off West Africa.



## Fake twins!

*Lophius piscatorius* can be confused with *Lophius budegassa*. *Lophius budegassa* is smaller in size (around 30-40 cm). He lives further south and in the Mediterranean / Black Sea area. The main difference is the color of the peritoneum, white in *L. piscatorius*, black in *L. budegassa* (DORIS).