



Get to know more about me.....!

*Merluccius merluccius*, (Linnaeus, 1758)

 European hake



## Size

My maximum length is 140 cm (for 15 kg!),  
But generally I am between 30 to 60 cm.



## Habitat

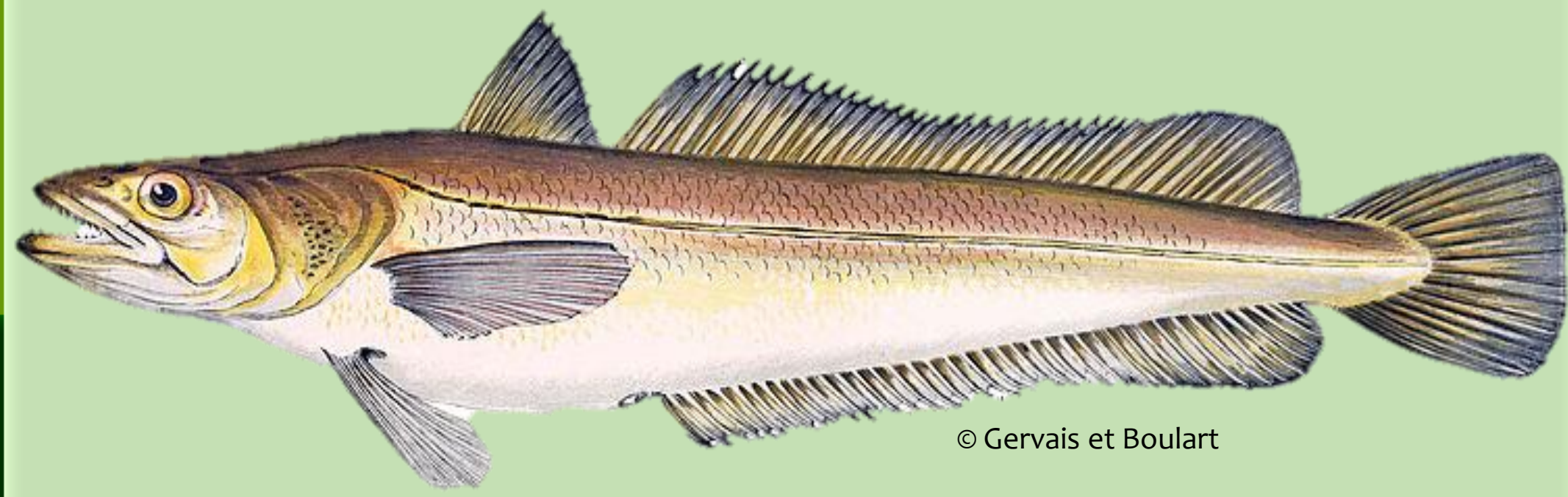
I am a demersal fish: I live near the bottom, whether it is sediment or mud. During the day I reach important depths, between 100 and 200, sometimes up to 700 m and without a fixed territory. At night, I move around and leave the bottom.



## Diet

I hunt during the night, when I come up to the surface.  
Adult I prefer fish (small hake, anchovies, sardines, Atlantic herring, cod, and species of gadoïdae) and squid.  
In my youth, I liked crustaceans more (especially euphausiids and amphipods).

Source: FishBase Doris, FAO, wikipedia



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## Origins

I can be found in the eastern Atlantic: from Mauritania in the south to Iceland and Norway in the north.  
I even venture to the Baltic Sea, I was seen in Lithuania!  
I am also love to stay in the Mediterranean Sea and the southern Black Sea coast.



## Important!

The fishery is regulated by restrictions, such as selectivity, fishing closures and minimum landings size. In Europe, my minimum grip size is 20cm.

In France I'm very popular is marketed under the name "hake" and sometimes under the name "white salmon".