



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

*Mullus surmuletus* (Linnaeus, 1758)

 Surmullet



## Size

As adult, my maximum length is 40 cm. My average length is between 10 to 25 cm.



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## Habitat

I am a gregarious fish, often accompanied by friends. As my name suggests, and unlike my cousin the red mullet, I prefer rocky areas. However, I do occasionally visit the soft bottoms: sand, gravel, eelgrass or Posidonia meadows. I am abundant between 15-25m deep, but larger individuals tend to frequent depths between 80-100m.



## Origins

I swim in the eastern Atlantic: western Norway, the English Channel to Senegal and the Canary Islands, including the Mediterranean sea and the Black Sea.



## Diet

I search my food with the help of my two characteristic barbs. Adult, I feed on worms, shrimps, crustaceans, molluscs that I look for in the sediment. The young feed on copepods, amphipods, small crustaceans. Babies (pelagic larvae) enjoy zooplankton, copepods and crustacean larvae.



## Funny fact

The number of my teeth decreases during my growth and disappears after reaching adulthood (Aguirre, 1997).

Source: FishBase Doris, FAO