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Pagellus erythrinus (Linnaeus, 1758) Common pandora



Adult, my common length is 15 to 30 cm. My maximum known height being 60 cm.





I usually live in a small group. I am a semi pelagic and demersal fish (i.e. I live near the bottom).



My favorite regions

I frequent the eastern coast of the Atlantic Ocean from the North Sea to Cape Verde. I appreciate the archipelagos of the Canary Islands, the Azores and Madeira. I also crossed in the Mediterranean Sea.

I usually frequent coastal waters, on different bottoms such as rocks, gravel, sands or mud with a preference for loose substrates. I am between 5 to 200 m depth in the Mediterranean or 300 m in the Atlantic. In winter, I go to deeper waters. I sometimes like to venture into the ports.



I mainly eat small fish and benthic invertebrates such as worms, small crustaceans and molluscs.



I am a "protogynous hermaphrodite" species (that is to say that I am first female then, I become male), whose sexual maturity is reached for females after 1 to 2 years for a size of 15 to 17 cm.

I am a popular fish in Mediterranean countries. In France, according to the ministerial decree of March 19, 2007 and community regulations, the capture of any individual under 15 cm is prohibited regardless of the technique used (DORIS).



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